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QUIZ 1
SOLVE THE MYSTERY PUZZLE!

1		15	4
	11		
12	7		9
13		3	

How to use the Secret Film

CUT OUT THE FILM THAT'S SANDWICHED UNDERNEATH THE GRAY PART (THOUGH IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE THERE'S A GAP, TRUE). NOW TRY ROTATING THE FILM SLOWLY, LEFT OR RIGHT, 45 DEGREES. WHEN YOU HIT THE RIGHT POINT, NUMBERS WILL FLOAT TO THE SURFACE. WHAT COULD THEY MEAN!?

HINT HERE!

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A CHALLENGE FROM THE Q CLASS!

Q CHALLENGE NO. 1

FROM KYU

TAKE A LOOK AT THE NUMBER PUZZLE I'M POINTING AT! THERE ARE BLANKS ALL OVER THE PLACE. FIRST YOU HAVE TO FILL THEM IN. THE PUZZLE HAS THE FOLLOWING RULES:

(1) THE GRID IS 16 SQUARES, AND EVERY NUMBER FROM 1 TO 16 IS USED ONCE.
(2) WHEN THE PUZZLE IS COMPLETE, EVERY FOUR SQUARES, READ HORIZONTALLY, VERTICALLY, AND DIAGONALLY, WILL ADD UP TO THE SAME NUMBER.

IT'S PRETTY HARD TO DO IT WITHOUT A HINT. THAT'S WHERE THE "SECRET FILM" COMES IN! IF YOU USE IT, YOU'LL GET A HUGE HINT! ONCE YOU SOLVE THE PUZZLE, HURRY TO PAGE 8!

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HEY, KYU-KUN ...
WHY DON'T YOU EVER STUDY?
WELL... YOU SEE... HAHA HAHA..
Schoolwork isn't really my thing.
日本史
現代社会
物理
IF YOU'D WORK HARD YOU COULD REALLY DO BETTER THAN YOU THINK.
It's really a waste.
I'M KINDA FLATTERED YOU'D SAY THAT!
DEDE
GEEEZ... YOU'RE ALREADY IN YOUR LAST YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL, AND YOU'VE GOT YOUR FINAL EXAMS COMING UP TOO. CAN I ASK WHAT HIGH SCHOOL YOU'VE CHOSEN TO ATTEND?
I bet you haven't even thought about it.
HUH?
SMILE.
I'VE ALREADY DECIDED!

GOING TO BECOME A DETEC-TIVE!

I'M ...

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CHAPTER ONE: DETECTIVE SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM [1]

QUIZ 2 CRACK THE CODE!!

I'LL GIVE YOU ONE HINT! PAY ATTENTION TO THE NUMBER ORDER!

SO YOU SOLVED THE NUMBER PUZZLE, HUH? THE NUMBER THAT APPEARED ON THE SECRET FILM WAS THE TWO-DIGIT NUMBER THAT ALL THE LINES ADDED UP TO. ONCE YOU KNEW THAT, IT OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN MUCH EASIER.

BUT THAT ISN'T THE END! TRUTH IS, THAT PUZZLE IS THE KEY TO DECIPHERING THIS CODE. WE'VE INCLUDED ANOTHER SECRET FILM UNDER THE GRAY PART, JUST LIKE ON PAGE ONE. A LETTER PUZZLE WILL APPEAR WHEN YOU USE IT. YOU HAVE TO DECODE IT! NOW LISTEN! THE ANSWER IS AN IMPORTANT CLUE TO FIGURE OUT THE MYSTERY OF KIRISAKI ISLAND!

FILL IN THE SOLVED PUZZLE!

1	14	15	4
8	11	10	5
12	7	6	9
13	2	3	16

MAKE SURE TO GRAB THE SECRET FILM! IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING GOOD, YA KNOW?

THE CODE'S HIDDEN HERE!

NOW SIT BACK AND ENJOY THIS VOLUME!

THE ANSWER IS IN VOLUME TWO OF "DETECTIVE ACADEMY Q"! ALSO, "Q CHALLENGE" NUMBER TWO WILL MAKE AN APPEARANCE. NEXT TIME IT'S MEGU CHALLENGING YOU!

B	A	T	A
U	R	G	R
Y	H	E	N
R	E	W	S

AND THE TEACHER?! WHAT DID SHE SAY?

YEP!

KYU!! YOU'VE... FINALLY DECLARED YOUR CAREER CHOICE? *THAT* CAREER?!

EHH!!?

SHE WAS SO DUMB-FOUNDED SHE WAS FROZEN STIFF! Ha Ha Ha Ha

ISN'T GONNA TAKE THE HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAMS. HE'S GOING TO BE A DETECTIVE!

KYU ...

YOU DON'T KNOW, MIZUKI?

HEY, SATORU! WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY *THAT* CAREER?

NO WAY! YOU'RE NOT GONNA TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAMS?!

YEP! ♡

SMILE

SMILE

D— DETEC-TIVE!! ARE YOU SERIOUS, KYU-KUN?!

YEP! ♡

GRIP

I MADE MY DECISION A LONG TIME AGO!

I'M GOING TO BECOME THE NUMBER ONE DETECTIVE IN THE WORLD!

I REALLY THINK I WAS BORN TO BE A DETECTIVE!

HE HE...

HAHAHAHAHAHA!!

YOU'VE BEEN WATCHING TOO MUCH TV!

GEEZ, KYU!!

You've been an idiot since birth, haven't you?

YOU KNOW WHAT DETECTIVES DO? FROM WHAT I'VE HEARD...

THEY JUST INVESTIGATE CHEATING COUPLES AND FIND MISSING PETS...

WHAT'S WRONG? KYU!

...

HEY, KYU! DON'T JUST DIS-APPEAR!!

Now I feel like an old man mumbling to himself!

HUH?

GONE

THAT'S JUST A WASTE OF....

OH... THEY ARE!

But why ...?

THE CORNERS ARE ALL A LITTLE RIPPED!

THIS IS A BIT *WEIRD?*

DON'T YOU THINK ...

BEND

KYU-KUN?

...

?

HM?

sparkle

!?

TABLE TENNIS CLUB

RECRUITING!!

YEAH! LOOK REALLY CLOSELY!

THIS POSTER?!

GRAB

WHAT —!?

HE... HEY, KYU!

GRIN

OH.. I GET IT NOW!

A PIECE OF GLASS?

!!

THE WIN-DOW'S BRO-KEN!

RIP

AH!

SOMEONE MUST HAVE TAKEN THIS FROM SOMEWHERE ELSE TO HIDE THE BROKEN WINDOW!

BUT BECAUSE THEY RIPPED IT OFF IN A HURRY...

THEY TORE THE CORNERS!

YOU GUYS WERE PLAYING CATCH IN THE HALLWAY YESTERDAY, WEREN'T YOU?

AH... WELL... UM...

SATORU!! YUUSUKE!!

JOLT!

WAIT! THEN THE ONES WHO BROKE IT...

SNEAK

OHH . I GET IT!

JUST BE HONEST AND TELL THE TEACHERS AND THEY'LL FORGIVE YOU!

HA HA HA

KYU!! THERE'S NO REASON FOR YOU TO GET INTO THIS!!

...YEAH, ANNOY-INGLY SHARP...

YEAH! YOU'RE REALLY SHARP WITH STUFF THAT PEOPLE DON'T NOTICE!

!

"OH!

BUT IT'S TOO BAD, I WAS REALLY HOPING WE'D GO TO SAME HIGH SCHOOL ...

SINCE YOU'RE REALLY FUNNY...

HMMM... SHE'S PROBABLY RIGHT!

BUT KYU, YOU REALLY MIGHT BE PERFECT AS A DETEC-TIVE!

tehe

I'M GONNA GO TO SCHOOL TOO!

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

TO JUST START DOING WHAT YOU WANT AND NOT GO TO SCHOOL!

BUT WOULDN'T THAT BE SUCH A COOL THING TO DO?

F W I P

ACTUALLY, I'M PLANNING ON GOING TO THIS SCHOOL! ♪

SEE!

HUH? BUT DIDN'T YOU JUST SAY...?

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INFORMATION ON ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

-SPECIAL CLASS <LIMITED SEATS>
21ST CENTURY DETECTIVES
-DATES OF EXAM
FIRST EXAM
SECOND EXAM
20XX/XX/XX
LAST EXAM
20XX/XX/XT
-QUALIFICATIONS
ALL AGES ARE WELCOME,
BUT LIMITED TO THOSE
WHO WILL COMPLETE
WHOLE PROGRAM.

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.....		.....
		.....
.....		
.....		

A DETECTIVE SCHOOL!?

MAP

OH! I'D BETTER GET GOING!

shock

TODAY... YOU MEAN NOW!?

Hey!

WHAT?!

grin

LEAVE IT TO ME!

YOU EVEN SUCK ON SCHOOL TESTS!

YOU SURE YOU'RE GONNA BE OKAY?!

YEP! ♡

THERE'S A SCHOOL LIKE THAT?

I'M ACTUALLY GOING TODAY TO TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM!

SILENCE

WH— WHAT DO YOU THINK ..

HM MMM . wonder

SCHOOL STUFF ASIDE, I'M PRETTY CONFIDENT ABOUT MY DETECTIVE SKILLS!

WHEN I WAS A KID, I WAS TAUGHT BY A "DETECTIVE" I LOOKED UP TO!

Bye!

DASH

BUT, YOU KNOW .

KYU'S GOING OFF TO GO TAKE AN EXAM ..

SO WHY DOES HE LOOK LIKE...

HE'S HAVING FUN?

BUMP

WA!

LET'S SEE

!!

FOE

RUSTLE

AH!

I... I'M SORRY!

YOU BRAT! WHAT'RE YOU DOING!!

GLARE

C

HEY!!

... HUH?

GEEZ ...

GRAB

GIVE IT BACK!

WHY WOULD I DO THAT!?

WHA!?

SOME OF IT'S MISSING! YOU STOLE IT, DIDN'T YOU!?

YOU THIEF!!

!!

GRAB

HEY OFFICER! GOOD TIMING! THIS KID JUST STOLE SOME OF MY MONEY!

WHAT'S GOING ON?

WHAT IS IT?

THAT KID TOOK HIS MONEY

GEEZ! KIDS THESE DAYS ARE REALLY SNEAKY!

115,000 YEN*...

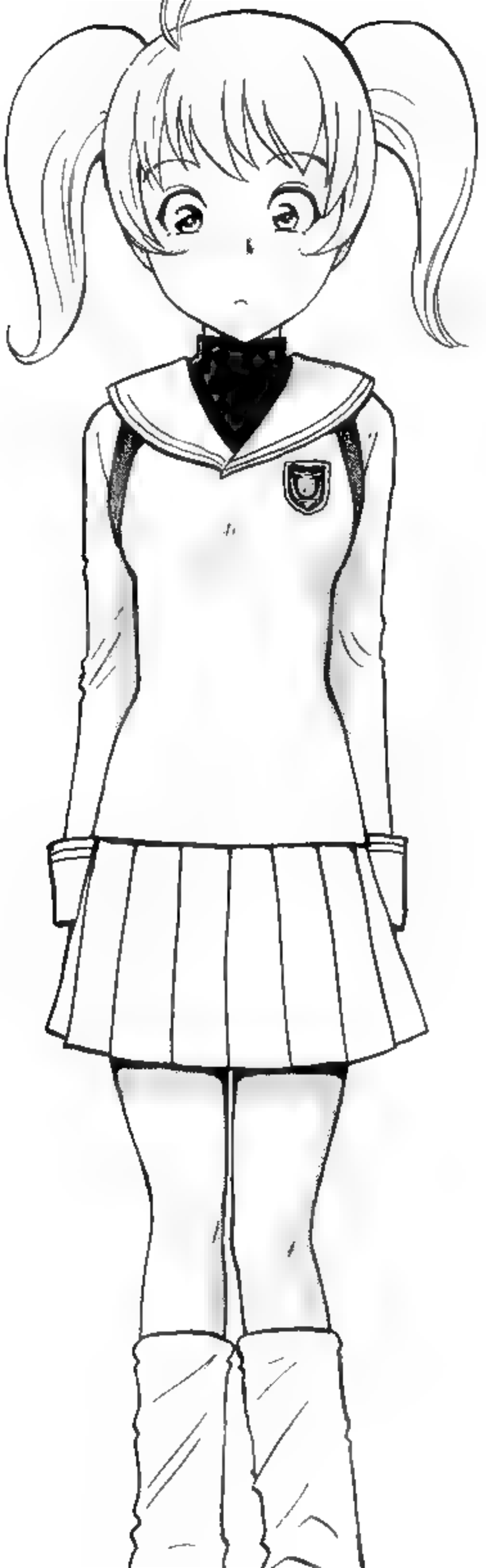
THEN WHY IS THERE SOME MISSING!?

NO... YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG!

I JUST PICKED UP THE MONEY THAT FELL AND GAVE IT BACK TO YOU!

*AROUND $980 USD. 770 EUROS

HUH?



WAS 115,000 YEN.

THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT FELL...

TWO 2,000 BILLS, AND SIX 1,000 YEN BILLS.

TO BE ACCURATE, NINE 10,000 BILLS, THREE 5,000 BILLS...

10, 20, 30 -

LET'S SEE ..

AH... YES, EXCUSE ME!

TCH!

...

OFFICER, COULD YOU PLEASE COUNT THE MONEY?

THAT MEANS HE'S NOT A THIEF!

...

GRR!!

YOU'RE RIGHT!! THAT'S THE EXACT AMOUNT!

???

GRRR

WHAT!

BUT THAT WAS THE AMOUNT THAT FELL, SO THERE'S NO MISTAKE!

I REMEMBER THAT MUCH!

WA... WAIT! I HAD TEN 10,000 BILLS!

!?

LIFT

DASH

WHY YOU LITTLE ...!!!

WHA...? WHAT D'YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING!?

...

NO FIGHTING

!

YOU WANNA FIGHT WITH THAT?

...

FLUTTER

FLAP

!!

!?

BOSS

SIA

!

WAS IN THE UMBRE-LLA!

THE MISSING BILL...

GAZ-Z

GOOD THING YOU FOUND IT! ♡

LIFT

SLIDE

HERE!

HA HA HA!

HE HE HE!

GEEZ

KIDS HAVE NO MANNERS!

MUTTER

BECK

IF IT DIDN'T ADD UP, IT WOULD'VE MEANT YOU STOLE IT, ANYWAY!

IT WAS NOTHING, I JUST SAID WHAT I SAW.

THANKS A LOT FOR SAVING ME!

WHAT?! BUT THE MONEY WAS ONLY ON THE FLOOR FOR AN INSTANT!

THAT'S ENOUGH FOR ME!

YOU EVEN HAD THE EXACT AMOUNT OF BILLS RIGHT.

HOW DID YOU KNOW HOW MUCH MONEY THERE WAS?

I REMEMBERED IT!

WHAT?

UM... CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?

DO YOU KNOW WHAT A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY IS?

ANYTHING I SEE OR HEAR EVEN FOR AN INSTANT WILL BE ENGRAVED IN MY MEMORY FOREVER!

I WAS BORN WITH THIS GIFT.

SMILE

SMILE

YEAH?

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING TOO?

...HEY!

WOW! THAT'S SO USEFUL!

WOOAH!! SO YOU CAN GET A PERFECT ON TESTS JUST BY FLIPPING THROUGH THE TEXTBOOK!!

OH, THAT WAS NOTHING!

HOW DID YOU KNOW THE MISSING BILL WAS IN THE UMBRELLA?

AND I FIGURED THE ONLY PLACE FOR IT TO GO WAS INSIDE THE UMBRELLA ON HIS ARM!

SO THAT'S IT...

SO THAT MUST HAVE MEANT THE BILL WENT MISSING DURING THE FALL FROM HIS WALLET TO THE GROUND...

BUT YOU ALSO DIDN'T SEEM LIKE YOU WERE LYING WHEN YOU SAID HOW MANY BILLS THERE WERE.

YOU USUALLY DON'T FORGET HOW MUCH MONEY YOU HAVE, AND THAT MAN DIDN'T SEEM LIKE HE WAS LYING, EITHER.

NO, I GET OFF HERE TOO.

OH? IS THERE SOME-THING ELSE YOU WANT?

TRANS-FER TO TOOMIDA-ISEN

SSSSTT...

YAMADA-HASHI~ YAMADA-HASHI~

FUMP

AH, I GET OFF HERE. BYE!

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EH?

I'M ALSO GOING!

See!

EHH?! REALLY?! WHAT A COINCI-DENCE!

YEP!

DON'T TELL ME YOU'RE GOING TO THE DAN DETEC-TIVE SCHOOL TOO?!

MINAMI MEGUMI! SAME GRADE AS YOU!

NICE TO MEET YOU! I'M KYU! I'M IN MY THIRD YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL!

RIGHT NOW WE'RE RIVALS!

OH! DON'T ASSUME YOU'VE GOT A FRIEND SO QUICKLY.

HE HE

I'M KINDA HAPPY TO MEET SOMEONE WITH THE SAME INTERESTS AS ME SO SOON!

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HOW HARD IT IS TO GET INTO THIS SCHOOL...!

YEAH! SINCE YOU'RE AFTER THE SAME THING AS ME, YOU SHOULD ALREADY KNOW ..

RI-VALS?

ALL THE GRADUATE STUDENTS FROM HIS SCHOOL ARE ELITE DETECTIVES ACTIVELY WORKING IN JAPAN AND ALSO ACROSS THE OCEAN, TOO.

THE FOUNDER AND HEAD OF THE DAN DETECTIVE SCHOOL, DAN MORIHIKO-SENSEI...

IS THE LEGENDARY DETECTIVE WHO, IN HIS ACTIVE DAYS, WAS THE ONLY DETECTIVE IN JAPAN ALLOWED TO CARRY A GUN!

THEY'RE ALSO CALLED TO MAJOR MURDER CASES, AND THAT'S REALLY RARE IN ITSELF.

....

AND EVEN THE STUDENTS ARE RESPECTED BY THE POLICE.

THE GRADUATES ON CASES ...

IT'S EVEN WORSE THIS YEAR, SINCE DAN MORIHIKO'S PERSONALLY GOING TO CHOOSE THE "SPECIAL CLASS"!

BUT ONLY A HANDFUL ARE CHOSEN!

EVERY YEAR MORE THEN A THOUSAND PEOPLE TAKE THE ENTRANCE EXAM.

BAM

IF I GET IN, I COULD ACTUALLY GO AND INVESTIGATE A HOMICIDE, RIGHT?!

THIS SCHOOL'S GOING TO BE SO AWESOME! I'M SO EXCITED!

HEY... WERE YOU LISTENING TO ME?

PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT FIELDS, FROM DETECTIVES TO GENIUSES, ARE RUSHING TO ENTER...

IT'LL BE SEVERAL THOUSAND CANDIDATES IN ALL!

IT'S NOT GOING TO BE EASY TO GET IN...

HUH?

SHOUK

GHG— UGH—

KYA!

Don't pull me!!

LET'S HURRY, MEGU—!

RUN

RUN

YA-HOO!!

I FEEL LIKE I'VE BEEN UNDERESTIMATED...

Looking at your eyes just makes it worse.

FLICK

OF COURSE! LOOK AT MY BURNING EYES!

ME... MEGU...? DON'T JUST MAKE UP A NICKNAME FOR ME!

AH! I SEE THE BUILDING THE FIRST EXAM'S AT! MEGU!

THERE'RE SO MANY PEOPLE!

WOAHH ...

ARE ALL THESE PEOPLE TAKING THE EXAMS FOR THE DAN DETECTIVE SCHOOL?

OH GOD THIS GUY 'S REALLY JUST AN IDIOT.

I SHOULD PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN US

THERE'S EVEN A FAT COP! IT'S HILARIOUS!

LOOK, THEY'RE DRESSED LIKE HOLMES AND POIROT!

IF YOU DON'T TRY YOUR HARDEST, YOU'LL NEVER BE ABLE TO PASS. .

YOU GET IT NOW, KYU-KUN?

HUH?

That voice

HEY, AREN'T YOU MEGUMI?!

HA HA HA HA

IF I REALLY DO PASS I MIGHT GET A REPUTATION, YOU SEE!

OH . .

SAME AS ALWAYS

I, EVEN WITH AN IQ OF 180, CAN'T LET MY GUARD DOWN EITHER!

BUT IF YOU AND YOUR PHOTO-GRAPHIC MEMORY ARE MY RIVALS...

YEAH!! NOT LIKE I WANT TO BE A DETECTIVE, THOUGH! I'M JUST TESTING MYSELF!

Sorta like testing my brain.

YOU'RE TAKING THE EXAM TOO?!

SABU-ROUMARU-SAN!

SMILE
SMILE
I'M KYU!
Thanks much!
AH?!
SAME GOES HERE!
GRAB
WELL, PLEASE GO EASY ON TO ME!
RAISE
LE— LET GO!!
shake
shake
OH, HE'S HERE FOR THE EXAM AS WELL!
Basically.
shake
shake
shake
WHO... WHO THE HELL IS THIS KID?!
BOW
BOW
BOW
I'M SOR-RY
I'M SOR-RY
... WELL, YEAH.
YOU KNOW HIM? HE SURE IS FUNNY!
SMASH!
WHA..?!
OPEN

....

YEAH, LOTS OF DIFFERENT PEOPLE! LIKE A BRAT WHO LOOKS LIKE HE'S FROM GRADE SCHOOL HERE TO GET SOME KICKS.

WOOW! A STUDENT FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY! THERE'RE SO MANY KINDS OF PEOPLE HERE!

HE'S ALSO A STUDENT AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY.

HE AND I BOTH GO TO A GIFTED DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH CENTRE!

HUH?

...

...AND THERE REALLY IS AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KID HERE TOO...

A smug brat with wireless internet

fade

THAT KID, ISN'T HE...!

TAP TAP TAP

THE EXAM!!

IT'S GOING TO START!

THE LIGHTS WENT OFF...

WHA WHAT HAP-PENED?

NO WAY! A BLACK OUT?

NO... THAT'S NOT IT!

WHAT IS THIS?

HUH?!

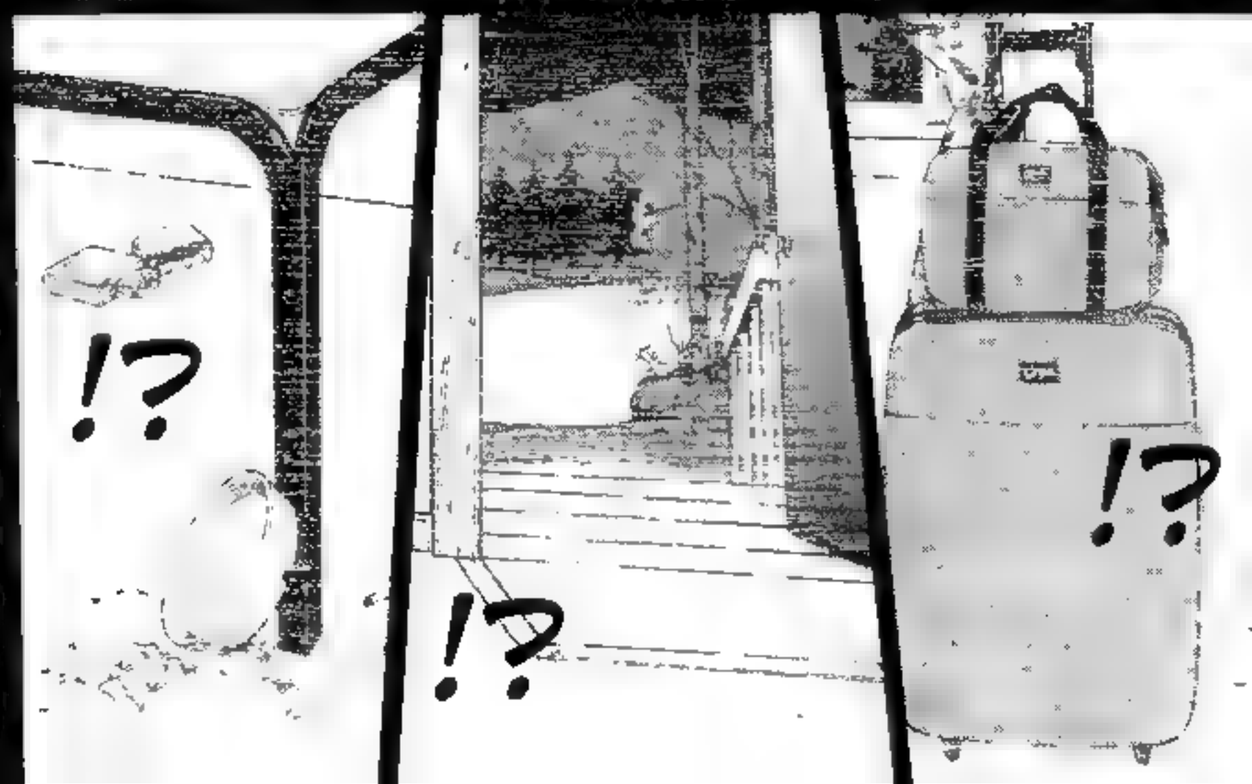
FLASH

PLEASE LOOK AT THE SCREEN IN THE FRONT

TO THOSE WHO HAVE GATHERED TO TAKE THE EXAM,

THE EXAM WILL NOW COMMENCE.

Oh!
HEY KYU-KUN! WHAT DO YOU...
...
MAYBE THEY PUT THE WRONG SLIDE IN?
WHAT'S THAT?!
WHAT'S THE BIG DEAL WITH IT?!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!?

WHAT'S UP... WITH THIS GUY?

HE'S SUDDENLY SO SERIOUS!

.....

AH, IT'S GONE ..

WHAT WAS THAT!

EH?

DID YOU SEE THE IMAGE THAT WAS JUST PUT UP?

EVERYONE,

AFTER THE PERPETRATOR LEFT, THE VICTIM ...

TOOK THAT PICTURE WITH THE LAST OF HIS STRENGTH.

THE FIRST EXAM IS FOR YOU TO SOLVE WHO THE CRIMINAL IS BASED ON THAT PHOTO

THE SCENE YOU JUST SAW WAS A ROOM THAT MAY SEEM ORDINARY, BUT...

IT WAS THE SCENE OF AN ACTUAL HOMICIDE CASE, AND THIS PICTURE WAS THE ONLY CLUE LEFT BEHIND

DAMN! THEY GOT ME! THE EXAM'S ALREADY STARTED!

MURMUR

Not at all

Oh no! Do you remember?

MURMUR

THE SCENE YOU JUST SAW WILL NOT BE SHOWN AGAIN!

THERE WILL BE MORE CLUES, HOWEVER ...

A CAREFUL CRIMINAL WON'T LEAVE ANY EVIDENCE AT THE SCENE.

AT THE CRIME SCENE THERE ARE LOTS OF ORDINARY THINGS YOU CAN MISS.

SO... THAT'S HOW IT IS...

EH?

HAS NO RIGHT TO BE A DETECTIVE!

ANYONE WHO THINKS THAT PICTURE IS NOTHING BUT ORDINARY AND IGNORES IT...

THE CRIME TOOK PLACE NEAR K LAKE IN THE S DISTRICT, IN A ONE-ROOM COTTAGE ON A RESORT

...

THIS PHOTO-GRAPH IS THE SCENE WHEN THE POLICE ARRIVED.

ON JANUARY NINETEENTH AT 7 50 PM HE WAS REPORTED TO HAVE CHECKED IN

IN THE MONTH OF CLEAR WEATHER FOLLOWING THE DECEMBER RAINS, HE CAME TO THE PLATEAU RESORT TO TAKE PICTURES IN -10C AND BELOW TEMPERATURES

THE VICTIM WAS CAMERAMAN FUSHIMI KENZO-USHI, 28 YEARS OLD

HIS BODY WAS FOUND ON THE BED THE NEXT DAY, THE TWENTIETH, AT ABOUT 11 15 AM

HE HELD A FIRST DEGREE JUDO BELT, WAS 170CM TALL, AND WEIGHED 72 KILOS

IT WAS PREDICTED THAT AFTER THE ATTACK HE LIVED FOR TEN TO TWENTY MINUTES, AND THE PICTURE WAS TAKEN THEN

THE ESTI-MATED TIME OF DEATH WAS AFTER 1 00 AM THAT MORN.NG.

THE CAUSE OF DEATH WAS BEING STABBED WITH A SHARP WEAPON

DON'T YOU THINK SO?

EH?

?

THE CRIMINAL CAME BACK TO THE SCENE TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE!

SO ...

REALLY ?!

LET'S SEE...

Searching memory

IN THE PICTURE THE POLICE TOOK THE PLACE WAS ALL CLEANED UP!

IN THE PICTURE THE VICTIM TOOK,

THERE WAS AN ASHTRAY ON THE FLOOR, AND THE PLACE LOOKED A LITTLE MESSY.

WHAAT !!

YOU'RE RIGHT ...!

!!

!?

THEN, AFTER HE CALMED DOWN, HE WENT BACK TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE ...

THE VICTIM WAS STABBED AND THE CRIMINAL RAN OUT IN SHOCK WITHOUT CHECKING TO SEE IF VICTIM WAS DEAD OR NOT

FROM THAT CLUE, YOU CAN TELL THAT THE CRIMINAL AND THE VICTIM FOUGHT AND STRUGGLED TOGETHER.

THAT MEANS ...

THE PICTURE TAKEN BY THE VICTIM WAS A DYING MESSAGE ...

TO TELL US WHO KILLED HIM!!

A MES-SAGE —!

DUUUN

WE REALLY CAN'T ...

UNDER-ESTI-MATE THIS GUY!!

HUH? WAIT A MINUTE ...

HE'S GOT MORE ?!

bdmp

MAYBE I WAS GETTING AHEAD OF MYSELF THERE

.....

HA?

DEAD SERIOUS

OR A DIVING MESSAGE*?

Maybe diving

OR IS THAT A DINING MESSAGE?

*HE'S STUMBLING OVER WORDS WITH SIMILAR KATAKANA SPELLINGS

FLARE

WHAT NOW?!

THE LIGHTS WENT OUT AGAIN

!!

!?

1

2

3

4

5

6

EXAM-
INEES!

WHO ARE THOSE PEOPLE?

4

5

THE HOTEL THEY WERE STAYING AT HAD A PUBLIC PHONE.

AND THE POLICE FOUND EVIDENCE THAT THERE WAS A CALL TO THE VICTIM'S COTTAGE.

AFTER QUESTIONING, THESE PEOPLE OF INTEREST WERE TAKEN INTO CUSTODY FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION

ALL SIX OF THEM WERE STAYING AT A HOTEL BY THE LAKE, TWO KILOMETERS AWAY FROM THE CRIME SCENE.

THEY ALL HAD A MOTIVE AT THE TIME, AND NONE HAD AN ALIBI

SUSPECT'S HOTEL

K
LAKE

CRIME SCENE COTTAGE

THE SIX PEOPLE STANDING ON THE STAGE ARE OUR STAFF.

PLAYING THE ROLES OF THE SUSPECTS.

THEY ALL SAID THESE INJURIES OCCURRED IN ACCIDENTS BEFORE THE MURDER.

AS YOU CAN SEE, THREE PEOPLE HAD INJURIES ON THEIR EYE, ARM, OR ANKLE.

EH...?

HER WATCH IS ON HER RIGHT HAND...

I SEE ...

SUSPECT ONE IS LEFT-HANDED!

HMPH... I GET IT. ONE OF THOSE SIX IS THE CRIMINAL ...

...

...

2

3

AND FOUR LOOKS LIKE HE'S IN HIGH SCHOOL, AND HAS AN INJURED EYE.

SUSPECT THREE'S LEFT ANKLE IS HURT,

2

SUSPECT TWO HAS AN INJURED ARM,

AN OLD MAN WITH A WALKING STICK COULDN'T POSSIBLY KILL A MAN WHO KNOWS JUDO.

BUT MAYBE HE KILLED HIM WHEN HE WAS ASLEEP . ?

...

6

SUSPECT SIX CAN'T BE THE CRIMINAL!

...

HMMM ....

5

FIVE DOESN'T REALLY STAND OUT... HE'S JUST SHORT AND FAT!

YEP! ♡

WE'RE ALL TRYING HARD TO FIGURE IT OUT, YOU KNOW! WHAT'S WITH THAT STUPID FACE!!

DIDN'T THINK SO! SO ...

DO YOU KNOW WHO IT IS?

.....
.....
WHAT?

.....
.....

...

!!!

SMILE.

SMILE

YOU'RE JUST BLUFFING! YOU BRAT!

NO WAY!! ALREADY !?

Ah!

HEHEHE, I GOT IT TOO!

EH?

DDD

HE HE ♡

I KNOW WHO IT IS!

THE CRIMINAL!

I GOT THE SNEAKY BASTARD THAT KILLED THE CAMERA-MAN!

Smile

I FIGURED OUT WHO IT IS!

ANOTHER WEIRDO

?

WHO THE HELL IS HE?

BA

WITH THIS!!

YEAH! THERE WERE EXACTLY SIX SUSPECTS!

YOU FIGURED IT OUT WITH THAT...

WITH ... DICE?

NOW WE WILL EXPLAIN THE RULES!

I'M SPEECHLESS. YOU THINK YOU CAN FIGURE IT OUT WITH JUST THAT?!

THEN SHE'LL SHOW ME THE ANSWER!

FLIP

WELL, IF LADY LUCK WANTS ME TO BE A DETECTIVE,

SO THEY'RE TESTING OUR REASONING AND ABILITY TO TAKE ACTION!

NO PROBLEM! TAKING ACTION IS WHAT I DO BEST!

THAT LOCATION IS WHERE THE SECOND EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE!

THE SIX SUSPECTS WILL NOW LEAVE THE STADIUM AND HEAD TO DIFFERENT LOCATIONS

YOU MUST "SHADOW" THE ONE YOU'VE DECIDED IS THE PERPETRATOR AND DEDUCE THEIR DESTINATION

DASH

H— HEY! SUSPECT ONE IS LEAVING!

IT MUST BE HER!

SHE'S THE ONLY ONE SMOKING AND THERE WAS AN ASHTRAY ON THE FLOOR!!

CLACK CLACK

CLACK

RUNNING AFTER THEM WITHOUT A SECOND THOUGHT IS THE SCHOOL'S TRAP!

IT'S OBVIOUS SUSPECT ONE IS A DUMMY!

EH?!

A trap?

HEY!

stomp stomp

MORE THAN HALF OF THE PEOPLE ARE GOING AFTER SUSPECT ONE!

PEOPLE WHO JUST GO WITH THE GROUP HAVE NO RIGHT TO BECOME DETECTIVES!

THIS IS A TRAP TO DRASTICALLY REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE!

WITH SIX CHOICES, EVEN IF YOU TAKE A WILD GUESS THERE'S A ONE IN SIX CHANCE OF CHOOSING RIGHT.

THE CRIMINAL IS...

!?

MEGU!! THIS WAY!!

I CAN'T PANIC OR I WON'T BE ABLE TO THINK CLEARLY

ALL THE SUSPECTS ARE LEAVING

SUSPECT SIX IS LEAVING!

HE'S IT! THERE MUST BE A WEAPON IN HIS CANE!

I'LL FIGURE IT OUT MY-SELF!

I'LL NEVER BECOME A DETECTIVE IF I RELY ON OTHER PEOPLE!

.....

FINE ...

THEN ...

!?

NO!

I'LL GIVE YOU A HINT!

WHAT YOU SAW IN THE PICTURE!

THE ANSWER ISN'T LIMITED TO...

OH

YEP! THE CRIMINAL IS...

dash

HE'S THE CRIMI-NAL!!

I GET IT... I GET IT, KYU-KUN!

....

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THE GUY WITH THE INJURED FOOT,

SUSPECT THREE!

YEP! WHAT DO YOUR DICE SAY?

HEY! YOU THINK THAT GUY DID IT TOO, DON'T YOU, KID!

IT'S POINTING ME AT SUSPECT THREE!

YEP! AS YOU CAN SEE,

GRIP

IT SURE IS GETTING EXCITING!

THIS GAMBLE HERE ...

WHETHER WE WIN OR LOSE,

!?

good

CLACK

FLARE

CHUCKLE

SNEAK

I'M SURE TO BE ON THE RIGHT TRACK

IF I FOLLOW THE GIRL WITH THE PHOTO-GRAPHIC MEMORY,

HE HE HE HE

THERE ARE LOTS OF WAYS TO WIN THIS GAME!

BACK THEN I MISSED THE PHOTO, BUT MY ABILITY IS FAR GREATER THAN THAT!

HE WENT UP THE ESCALA-TOR!

HUR-RY!

LET'S FOLLOW HIM!

SWISH

YEAH!

WE SHOULD GO TOO!

DASH

ME-GU!?

OH!

....

OKAY, LET'S GO!

THIS WAY!

THIS WAY!

CLICK CLACK

EHH!? SO THAT MEANS...!

HE'S THE CRIMINAL!

THE GUY WE JUST PASSED WITH THE BLACK JACKET!

HE HAD THE EXACT SAME WATCH!

HE MUST HAVE BEEN WEARING A REVERSIBLE COAT AND SWITCHED IT!

THESE DIOTS

HAA!? AN INSTANT BOILING WHAT PERSON?

WOOW!! JUST LIKE YOU'D EXPECT FROM AN INSTANT MEMORY SAVED PERSON! YOU SOMETHING US!

HEY! THIS IS TURNING OUT GREAT! RIGHT? UMM...

I'M KYU! YOU?

NOW WE'RE EVEN!

Geez!

HE HE HE! ♡

GRIN

AND THE CUTIE WITH THE MEMORY TRICK IS...?

OH! SHE'S MEGU! RIGHT, MEGU?

DON'T JUST INTRODUCE ME TO ANYONE

what are you calling a trick!

GRIN

CALL ME KINTA!

I'M TOOYAMA KINTA-ROU!

AT FIRST THERE WERE LIKE 30 PEOPLE, BUT NOW THERE'S LIKE ONLY 10 PEOPLE LEFT...!

THERE MUST BE AN INSTRUCTOR FROM THE SCHOOL MIS-LEADING PEOPLE!

YOU KNOW ...

THAT BOY IS HERE TOO!

PRONTO

huh?

PA... PANT-IES?

HEY! THE CRIMINAL IS BUYING TRAIN TICKETS!

I SEE! OH! PANTIES WITH LACE..! ♡

SEE! IF YOU MAKE A TUBE WITH PAPER AND LOOK THROUGH YOU CAN SEE FAR AWAY REALLY WELL!

DID YOU KNOW?

I SEE...! THE PEOPLE LEFT AREN'T JUST ORDINARY PEOPLE!

WOAH! BUT YOUR EYES ARE SO NARROW!

THAT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH EYESIGHT!

HE'S ON THE MOVE!

HURRY AND BUY THE TICKETS!

RUN

HMM...

MY EYESIGHT IS A 4.0!

Way better than normal people!

OF COURSE!

LET'S SEE... 190 YEN!

WOW! YOU CAN SEE THAT FAR!?

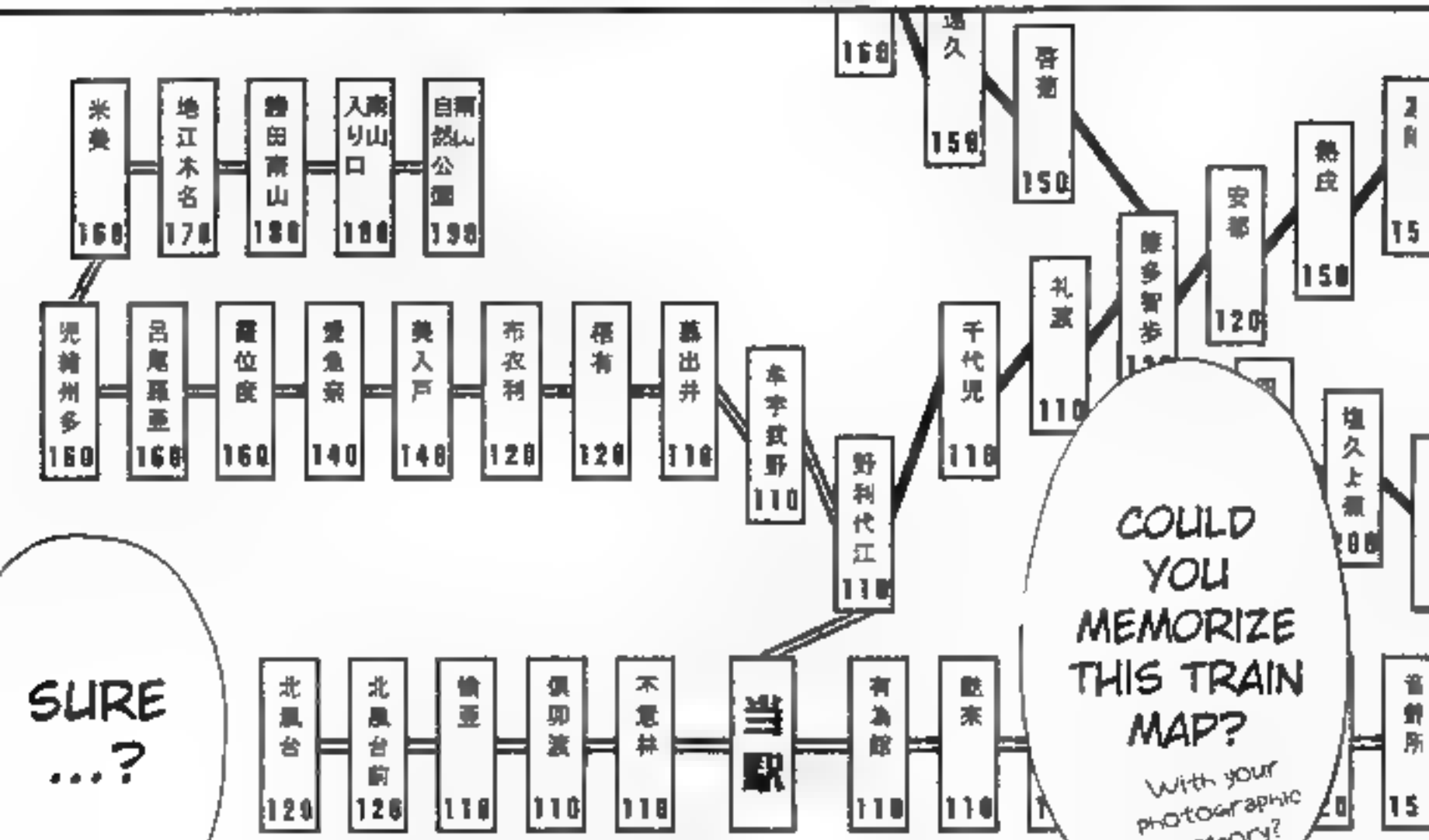
HUH... WHAT?

HEY, MEGU!

SURE...?

COULD YOU MEMORIZE THIS TRAIN MAP?

With your photographic memory?



RUN

HE WENT ON!

WE SHOULD HURRY!

WAIT, MEGU!

THIS TRAIN GOES TO KITAKAZE STATION. PLEASE BE CAREFUL TO BOARD YOUR CORRECT TRAIN.

ARE THERE ANY TRANSFERS FROM THERE?

NOPE, IT'S THE END OF THE LINE.

FIVE STOPS ...

UM..

HOW MANY STOPS IS IT TO KITAKAZE STATION?

LET'S WAIT HERE!

!?

AH!!

CREEAAK

TRUST ME, MEGU!

WHA... WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT!? HE WENT ON THIS TRAIN!

IF WE LOSE HIM HERE, WE FAIL!!

CLACK

...

MEGU!

DASH

THE TRAIN'S LEAV-ING!!

SCREAM

SLAM

WHISTLE

GRIP

...

SWISH

CLONK CLONK CLONK

OH NO...

I FAILED FOR SURE ...!

I REALLY DID IT THIS TIME ...!

NO... WE'RE FINE, MEGU!

EH?

SLIP

!!

SLIP

BINGO! I WAS RIGHT TO BET ON YOU, KYU!

AH... IT'S HIM!

HUH? ME?

EH?

IT'S THANKS TO YOU TWO!

HOW DID YOU KNOW THAT GUY WASN'T ON THE TRAIN?

BUT THAT GUY BOUGHT A 190 YEN TICKET, RIGHT?

北風台 120
北風台前 120
愉並 110

THEN HE WOULD HAVE JUST BOUGHT A 120 YEN TICKET!

IF THAT GUY WERE GOING NON-STOP TO KITAKAZE STATION,

BUT HE WAS ACTUALLY GOING TO TAKE ANOTHER TRAIN, I FIGURED!

SO HE WAS PRETENDING TO BOARD THAT TRAIN,

hehe

HEY!

SMILE

OH... SO THAT'S IT!

WE'RE ...

A PRETTY GOOD TEAM, AREN'T WE?

WE CAN JOIN FORCES AND TAKE ON THIS EXAM!

THAT'S ALLOWED, RIGHT?

HE'S ON THE MOVE!

CLACK

HEHE

WELL... LOOKS LIKE WE'RE ALL THAT'S LEFT. WE SHOULD WORK TOGETHER..

SPARKLE

SURE!

SA-BUROU-SAN, YOU WERE THERE?!

YES! YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT!

KYU-KUN, YOU DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS?

HEY! THAT KID IS LEFT TOO!

DASH

OH, LET'S GO!

THE GENIUS PROGRAMMER NARUSAWA KAZUMA!

HE'S A FIFTH GRADE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENT THAT'S PUT OUT A BUNCH OF HIT GAMES...

AND KINTA WITH HIS 4.0 EYE-SIGHT! ♡

YOU MAKIN' FUN OF ME? WHY YOU...

MEGU WITH HER PHOTO-GRAPHIC MEMORY, KAZUMA THE EXPERT PRO-GRAMMER..

WOW! THERE'RE SO MANY COOL PEOPLE!

JUST YOU WATCH OUT, YOU DAMN BRATS!

HOW DARE YOU IGNORE THE GENIUS TOKYO UNIVER-SITY STUDENT SABUROUMARU YUTAKA!

SHUT UP!

OWW

OW .. WHY DID YOU HIT ME?

DON'T THINK YOU'LL PASS IN ONE PIECE!!

I'LL MESS YOU UP!

I'LL MESS YOU UP BAD!

THIS FIRST EXAM ...

LET'S GO!
OKAY!

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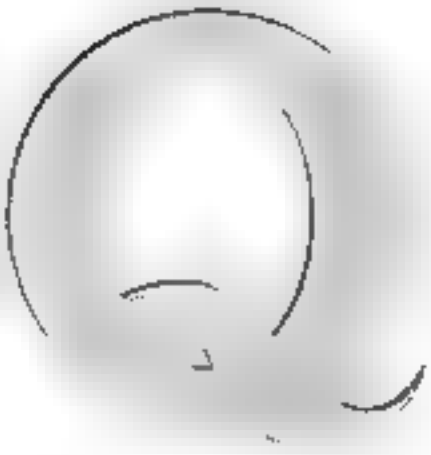

THIS WORK ISN'T A MYSTERY INSIDE A MANGA, RATHER IT'S A MYSTERY THAT UNFOLDS FROM THE PAGES OF A MANGA. IN THIS FIELD, THERE ARE SURE TO BE MANY NOVEL, UNDISCOVERED PLOTS. LATER WE'LL SEE IF WE'VE DUG UP ONE OF THOSE "TREASURES" OR NOT, SATOU-SAN AND I ARE AFLAME WITH THE SPIRIT OF THE FRONTIER!

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"I'M GOING TO BECOME THE BEST DETECTIVE IN THE WORLD!" IN ORDER TO FULFILL HIS WISH, KYU ENTERS THE UNUSUAL ENTRANCE EXAM FOR THE LEGENDARY DAN MORIHIKO'S DETECTIVE SCHOOL! TOGETHER WITH HIS RIVALS MEGU AND HER PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY, THE WILD KINTA, AND TECHNO-JUNKIE KAZUMA, HE'LL HAVE TO SOLVE NUMEROUS BAFFLING MYSTERIES! ALL TO GET INTO THE MOST ELITE DETECTIVE CLASS OUT THERE, THE "Q CLASS!"

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CREDITS

STORM IN HEAVEN

KYU'S A THIRD-YEAR MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENT WHO TOOK ON THE DAN MORIHIKO DETECTIVE SCHOOL'S ENTRANCE EXAM, WHICH WAS RUMOURED TO BE CRAZY-HARD

IN THE FIRST EXAM, HE WAS ABLE TO DETERMINE THE CULPRIT BASED ON PHOTOS OF A CRIME SCENE PROJECTED ONTO THE SCREEN

AT THE EXAM LOCATION HE MET MINAMI MEGUMI (MEGU) AND TOOYAMA KINTAROU (KINTA), AND WITH MANY OTHER CANDIDATES

THEY TAILED THE CRIMINAL TO THE SECOND EXAM LOCATION!

Tantei Gakuen Q

SSSST

PLEASE MAKE SURE NOT TO FORGET YOUR BELONGINGS

END OF THE LINE, MINAMIYAMA NATURAL PARK

AND...

CLACK

OKAY! LET'S PICK UP THE CHASE!

HE LEFT..

CLACK

CLACK

CHAPTER 2: DETECTIVE SCHOOL ENTRANCE EXAM [2]

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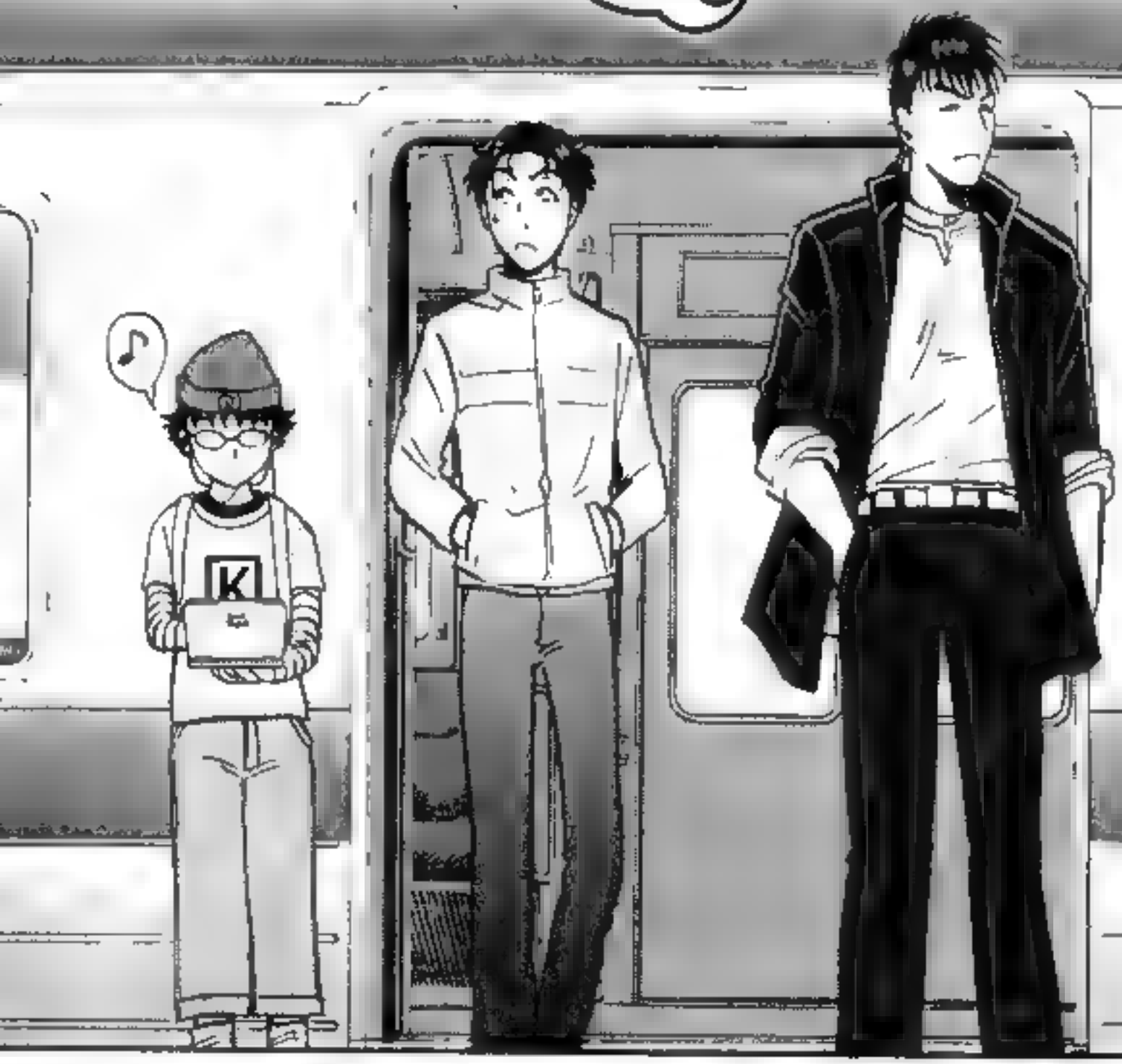


CHEEP

CHIRP

IS THE SECOND EXAM LOCATION REALLY OUT ON A HIKING TRAIL!?

THE STATION'S DE-SERTED, TOO...

THERE'S A WATER-FALL..

ANYWAY, LET'S JUST FOLLOW THE CULPRIT! WE'RE GONNA LOSE SIGHT OF HIM!

YE... YEAH!

HEY.. I'M KINDA GETTING WORRIED ..

HE'S HEADING FARTHER IN..!

EH?

NO MISTAKE ABOUT IT!

LOOK HERE!!

ARE YOU SURE THE GUY WITH THE INJURED FOOT IS REALLY THE CRIMINAL?

!

HE HE HE!

MEANING... I HAVE TO GET THEM TO SCREW UP SOON!!

THAT'S A SURPRISE! LOOKS LIKE DETECTIVES CAN MAKE A BUNCH OF CASH!

NOW I THE TOP STUDENT AT TOKYO UNIVERSITY WITH AN IQ OF 180 AM GOING TO GET SERIOUS TO PASS!

THIS PARK IS MANAGED BY THE DAN DETECTIVE SCHOOL.

SO THE SCHOOL OWNS THIS WHOLE PLACE?! NO waaay!

PLEASE TAKE NOTHING BUT PICTURES AND LEAVE BEHIND NOTHING BUT FOOTPRINTS.

MANAGED BY DAN MORIHIKO DETECTIVE SCHOOL

HEY, KID! WHAT'VE YOU BEEN SPEED-TYPING THERE?

I'M KAZUMA, NOT "KID"!

CLICK CLICK

grin

!!

YOU'RE A DESCENDANT OF THE FAMOUS TOOYAMA KIN-SHIROU! THAT RUNS THE KITAMACHI MAGIS-TRATE, TOOYAMA KINTAROU-KUN!

TOOYAMA'S KIN-SAN'S DESCEN-DANT!?

This guy?!

HEY HEY! HOW THE HELL DO YOU KNOW THAT?

NARUSAWA KAZUMA! NICE TO MEET YOU!

AND... YOU'RE SABUROU YUITAKA, IN THE SAME PROGRAM WITH A 180 IQ, AND YOU GO TO TOKYO UNIVERSITY!

YOU HAVE A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY!

...

SEE! MINAMI MEGUMI IS IN THE NATIONAL GIFTED RESEARCH CENTER, IT'S ON THE SITE

I'VE BEEN SEARCHING THE NET!

I've got wireless

GRIN

GLANCE

BUT ...

!

THERE'S NO DATA ON THAT GUY ..

OH CRAP! THE CRIMINAL'S CROSSING THE BRIDGE!

...

I'M KYU! NICE TO MEET YOU, KAZUMA!

♡ Shake Shake

EH?

MPH!

THWACK

!?

CRASH

SPLASH

GRIN

I COULD USE THIS!

MINAMIYAMA NATURAL PARK

BRIDGE ONE

MAXIMUM WEIGHT: 90 KG

CAUTION.
PLEASE CROSS THE BRIDGE ONE PERSON AT A TIME. DO NOT SHAKE THE BRIDGE.

DAN MORIHIKO DETECTIVE SCHOOL

YOU'RE SHARP

THIS MIGHT BE ANOTHER TRAP!

I'LL CROSS FIRST AND TEST IT OUT!!

YEAH, MEGU-CHAN IS RIGHT!!

HEY WAIT! KYU-KUN!

WE SHOULD HURRY! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

HUH?! HE JUST CROSSED THIS RICKETY BRIDGE!

YEAH RIGHT!! YOU'RE THE ONES WHO'RE GONNA FALL! EHEHE!

IT'S OKAY! IF I FALL, THEN YOU GUYS'LL HAVE TO DO YOUR BEST TO GET ACROSS!

EH?! BUT ...

BDMP

WHA... WHAT, KYU-KUN?

...

BDMP

BDMP

BDMP

NO WAY, HE FOUND OUT?!

SABUROU-SAN!

BA-DUMP

!

OH... REALLY ...

WOBBLE WOBBLE

GRIN GRIN

I TOTALLY RESPECT YOU!♡

WOOW. .YOU'RE AMAZING! YOU'D RISK YOUR OWN LIFE FOR US!

THIS WAY TOO EASY!

CREAK CREAK

MY WEIGHT IS 60KG SO THERE'S 30KG TO SPARE

CREAK

WHAT'RE YOU MUM-BLING ABOUT?

WELL, DOESN'T MATTER

BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF ONE PERSON IS OVER 90KG?

IT'S OKAY, THIS'LL WORK OUT!

WAS HE EVER LIKE THAT...?

He was more the opposite

THAT SA-BUROU GUY IS BEING UNEXPECT-EDLY NICE!

DO.. DON'T PANIC! THIS BRAT CAN'T BE MORE THAN 30KG... I HOPE ..

CREAK

♪

Mr. Mister?

CREAK

GRIN

CREAK

K

OH, SORRY! PLEASE DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME, MISTER!

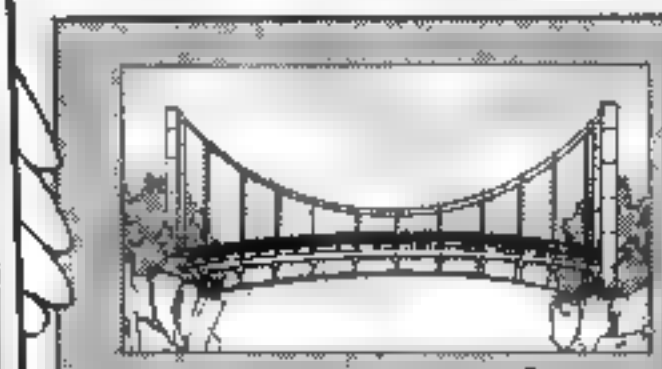
GAH!

WHEN DID HE GET THERE!?

WHAT IS IT, KAZUMA-KUN?

HEY, YOU GUYS..

EH?!



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NEXT BACK

AND IT LOOKS LIKE THERE WAS A STURDIER BRIDGE HERE BEFORE. WHAT DO YOU THINK?

I JUST CHECKED THE SITE FOR THIS PARK...

NOW YOU GUYS GET TO FALL ALL TO-GETHER!!

HUR-RY!

OK! COME ON!

YEAH!

THANK GOD! I BARELY MADE IT!

ANYWAY, LET'S HURRY!

WHAT'S WITH THAT OVERJOYED POSE..

CRAP! HURRY! MEGU-CHAN!

OH NO!!

DASH

CREAK! CREAK!

CREAK.

CREAK.

N

FOR THE ENTRANCE EXAM..?

WHAT IF THE SCHOOL PURPOSELY REPLACED THE BRIDGE...

KYU, YOU IDIOT! IF YOU FLAIL AROUND LIKE THAT—

CREAK

AHHH!!! THE ROPE'S BREAK-ING! HELP ME!! I CAN'T SWIM!!

TWIRL

SNAP

!!

UWAA AAAAA AA!!!

GRAB

KYAA AA!!

EH!?

AHH!! REACH !!!

SPLASH

SPLASH

DO YOUR BEST ON OUR BEHALF!

AL-RIGHT, MEGU-CHAN!

KYA!

FUMP

KYU-KUN...

AHHH! IF YOU'D CROSSED MORE CAREFULLY THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAP-PENED!

WHEN YOU FREAKED OUT YOU PUT TOO MUCH STRESS ON THE BRIDGE!

TCH! TWO LEFT!

SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
SPLASH
HAA
HAA
BLULB... H..HELP ME...!!
THEY REALLY GOT US, KYU!
BU-HAAAA! DAMN IT!
AH!
SPLISH
IDIOT! HOLD ONTO THE ROPE!
THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD'VE GUESSED THAT TOO MANY PEOPLE CROSSING WOULD MAKE IT COLLAPSE!
OTHER THAN KAZUMA GETTING THE INFO FROM HIS COMPUTER,
THEN IT MEANS THE BRIDGE REALLY WAS REPLACED BY THE SCHOOL!
BUT... IF THERE'S A LIFE ROPE...
BUT THAT DOESN'T MAKE SENSE!

CRAAAP! IT OUR FAULT FOR MISSING THE SIGN!

THAT'S IT, KINTA! WE CAN STILL MAKE IT!!

SPLISH

MINAMIYAMA NATURAL PAR

BRIDGE ONE
MAXIMUM WEIGHT
90 KG
CAUTION
PLEASE CROSS THE BRIDGE
ONE PERSON AT A TIME
DO NOT SHAKE THE BRIDGE

DAN MORIHIKO DETECTIVE SCHOOL

WHAT THE HELL! IT'S ACTUALLY WRITTEN HERE ON THE WARNING SIGN!

HM? WHAT'S THAT?

IF THERE'S A BRIDGE ONE,

THEN THERE MUST BE SECOND BRIDGE!

MAYBE IT'S DOWN-STREAM OF HERE!

HM?

LET'S GO! KYU!!

I SEE... YEAH! LET'S DO IT!

IF WE MAKE IT THERE THEN MAYBE WE'LL MEET UP WITH THEM!

HUH? NO CHOICE, THEN.

I'LL TEACH YOU THE BASICS OF STAYING AFLOAT!

BU... BUT!

QUICK, FLIP ONTO YOUR BACK!

SINK LIKE A ROCK...!

WELL... ACTUALLY, I TEND TO...

HUH?

I CAN'T SWIM.

WHAT? KYU, YOU'RE NOT COMING?!

YOU DON'T NEED TO SWIM, JUST RIDE ON THE CURRENT!

MAYBE IT'D BE EASIER TO CARRY HIM WHEN HE'S UNCONSCIOUS?

SPLASH SPLASH SPLASH

SPLASH

GLARE

OKAY! HERE IT GOES!!

AND YOUR 4.0 EYE-SIGHT! ♡

BUT MY LUCK AND STRENGTH WILL NEVER LOSE TO ANYONE!

COUGH HACK GLUB

I—I'M NOT! cough

YOU REALLY ARE MAKIN' FUN OF ME AREN'T YOU?

THANKS KINTA!

IF YOU WEREN'T HERE THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD'VE MADE IT!

SAME TO YOU. NO WAY I'D PASS IF YOU WEREN'T HERE, KYL!!

WHAT?

CAN I ASK YOU SOME-THING?

HEY, KYL...

JUST WHAT WAS IN THE PICTURE THAT TOLD YOU WHO IT WAS?

WHEN YOU SAW THE PHOTO ON THE SCREEN YOU INSTANTLY FIG-URED OUT WHO THE CRIMINAL WAS, RIGHT?

Huh?

WHAT WASN'T IN IT...!?

I GOT IT BY SEEING WHAT WASN'T IN IT!

I DIDN'T FIGURE IT OUT BY WHAT WAS IN THE PICTURE,

HE WAS KILLED AT ABOUT 1 AM, AND HIS BODY WAS FOUND AT NOON...

THE VICTIM, THE CAMERAMAN WHO KNEW JUDO, WAS STAYING THERE TO FILM THE LAKE!

REMEMBER, KINTA? THE CRIME TOOK PLACE IN THE MIDDLE OF JANUARY AT A LAKE COTTAGE.

THE PICTURE THE POLICE TOOK WAS OF A REALLY TIDY ROOM.

YEAH...! YOU SAID THE FIRST PICTURE LOOKED LIKE THERE WAS A FIGHT..

THE VICTIM USED HIS LAST STRENGTH TO TAKE THE PICTURE OF THE ROOM TO GIVE US SOMETHING TO WORK WITH!

AFTERWARD HE CAME BACK TO THE ROOM TO DESTROY THE EVIDENCE!

YEP! AFTER STABBING THE VICTIM, THE CRIMINAL PROBABLY PANICKED AND RAN AWAY WITHOUT CHECKING IF THE VICTIM WAS DEAD

BUT THERE WAS NOTHING THAT SEEMED LIKE THAT IN THE PICTURE.

IF THE CRIMINAL HAD LEFT SOMETHING THAT WAS CLEARLY HIS, THEN THE VICTIM WOULD HAVE TAKEN A PICTURE OF THAT!

I THOUGHT YOU COULD SAY IT EITHER WAY!

YOU CAN'T!!

YOU MEAN DINING MESSAGE..?

SO THE PICTURE THE VICTIM LEFT WAS A DYING MESSAGE!

IT'S A DYING MESSAGE!!

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THEN I THOUGHT FOR A BIT...

THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER TO HOLD ONTO ONE OF THEM!

HOW ABOUT THE CIGARETTE BUTTS ON THE FLOOR? MAYBE THERE WAS SALIVA ON THEM...

HUH? WAIT A MINUTE, KYU!

DIDN'T THE CRIMINAL COME BACK TO CLEAN UP THE EVIDENCE!?

NOPE!

MAYBE THE CRIMINAL DIDN'T LEAVE ANY "EVIDENCE" IN THE FIRST PLACE...!

THE VICTIM'S SHOES!

THE CRIMINAL DIDN'T COME TO GET IT, BUT TO RETURN IT!

OH!

AND PEOPLE DON'T USUALLY TAKE THEIR SHOES OFF AND CARRY THEM INTO THE ROOM, RIGHT?

IN THE PICTURE THERE WASN'T ANY SHOE BOX AT THE DOORWAY ..

WHY WOULDN'T THE VICTIM HAVE BROUGHT SHOES TO THE COTTAGE?

EVEN IF YOU ASSUME THAT THE CRIMINAL WASN'T WEARING SHOES WHEN HE LEFT,

THE FIRST PICTURE DIDN'T HAVE ANY SHOES, BUT THEY WERE IN THE POLICE PICTURE!!

YOU... YOU'RE RIGHT!

THAT'S IT! THE VICTIM TOOK THE PICTURE TO TELL THE POLICE THAT!!

THE VICTIM'S SHOES!!

WAIT, SO YOU MEAN THE CRIMINAL WORE...

OF COURSE I DID!

YOU REALLY FIGURED IT OUT WITH JUST THAT?

THERE'S NO WAY HE WOULD HAVE WALKED THERE BAREFOOT IN -10 DEGREE WEATHER...

BUT... WHY DID HE TAKE THE SHOES?

What about his own shoes?

I'LL GIVE YOU TWO HINTS!!

IF HE DIDN'T HAVE ANY SHOES, THEN HOW DID HE GET TO THE SCENE?!

AHHH! I DON'T GET IT!

THE SECOND IS THE TEMPERATURE AND LACK OF SNOWFALL!

ONE HINT IS THE LAKE AT THE CRIME SCENE!

HOTEL

COTTAGE

THE HOTEL THE CRIMINAL STAYED AT AND THE VICTIM'S COTTAGE ARE BOTH AT THE EDGE OF THE LAKE.

INSTEAD OF GOING AROUND THE LAKE, THE CRIMINAL SKATED OVER THE LAKE TO REACH THE COTTAGE!

IT WAS PROBABLY FASTER THAN WALKING ALL THE WAY AT NIGHT, AND HE'D STAND OUT LESS!

...

THIS KID... HE FIGURED THAT OUT IN AN INSTANT!

THE ONLY ANSWER IS SKATES!!

HE'S THE CRIMI- NAL!!

YOU MIGHT TURN OUT TO BE MY BIGGEST RIVAL!

YOU'RE REALLY SOME-THING, KYU!!

I SEE ..!

HUFF

HEY! WE WOULDN'T BE WORKING SO HARD IF IT WAS THAT EASY TO PASS, YOU KNOW!

MEGU WAS SAYING SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT WHY DON'T WE JUST ALL TAKE IT TOGETHER?

RIVAL? IN THE EXAMS?

SPIN

THEN DO YOU KNOW THIS?

THE LEGENDARY DETECTIVE DAN-SENSEI'S PERSONALLY TRAINED SPECIAL CLASS IS REALLY HARD TO GET INTO!

I KNOW THAT AL-READY!

IS THE Q CLASS!

THE COMMON NAME FOR THAT SPECIAL CLASS...

WHAT DOES THE Q STAND FOR..?

Q CLASS ...?

YE... YEAH!
Though I still wanna know

THERE'S THE SECOND BRIDGE! YOU WERE RIGHT ABOUT IT! LET'S GET BACK ON THE GROUND, KYU!!

OH!
IT STANDS FOR..

HEY!! ME...

ALRIGHT! LOOKS LIKE WE'LL BE ABLE TO MEET UP!

IT'S THEM!

SPLASH
QUACK
PHEW! EVEN MY UNDIES ARE WET!

SPLASH

HEY LOOK! KINTA!

LET'S HURRY!

IF WE DAWDLE AROUND WE'LL LOSE HIM!

WE'RE STILL TAILING THE CRIMINAL, AND THIS IS PART OF THE EXAM!

MPH!

DON'T SHOUT!

Idiot!

HEYYY! HELP ME?! YOU GUYS!!

HEY!

HUH?

I CAN'T MOVE! I THINK I BROKE MY LEG!

I SLIPPED AND FELL!

WHAT HAP-PENED?!

!?

!?

!!

WAIT! KINTA!!

JUST HANG IN THERE, I'LL GO AND GET HELP!

I CAN'T JUST LEAVE AN INJURED MAN HERE!

GRAB

BUT !

IF I HELP THIS GUY OUT I'LL DEFI-NITELY LOSE TRACK OF THE CRIMINAL!

IF WE HELP HIM WE'LL FAIL THE FIRST EXAM!

WHA... WHAT!?

LET'S KEEP TAILING HIM!

THAT'S NOT WHAT DETECTIVES DO...!

YOU SURE FOOLED ME! ALL YOU CARE ABOUT IS THE EXAM! YOU'D EVEN ABANDON SOMEONE INJURED TO FINISH?!

NO! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG, KINTA!

GRAB

KYU? YOU PUNK!

LEAVING THIS GUY IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!!

IF I EXPLAIN NOW WE'LL LOSE THEM!

IS THE RIGHT THING?

LEAVING HIM...

IN ME!!

PLEASE BELIEVE ...

I'LL BELIEVE YOU RIGHT NOW,

BUT I'LL KILL YOU IF I DON'T LIKE YOUR REASON!!

DASH

.... KINTA!

TCH!

... FINE!

SUP

!

HEY

HEEYY! HEEEY!!

AREN'T YOU GOING TO HELP ME!?

WHERE ARE YOU GUYS GOING?!

GRIN

!?

ALTO-GETHER IT'S FIVE PEOPLE.

IT'S ME TWO MORE CAME BY THE FINAL CHECK-POINT!

GOT IT THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK

THAT BOY HAS GREAT EYES! THE OTHER YOUNG MAN IS INTEREST-ING TOO, IN A DIFFERENT WAY...!

SIT

FEELINGS ARE IMPORTANT, BUT IF YOU LET YOUR FEELINGS DISTRACT YOU AND LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR GOAL, YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT TO BE A DE-TECTIVE.

HUH?

WE'LL COME P.CK YOU UP IN TWENTY MINUTES!

CLICK

GOT IT!

DAMN IT! I DROPPED THE RADIO. .

CLACK

AH!

SPLASH

IS IT FROM YESTER-DAY'S RAIN...?

OH NO. . THAT SOUND!

SWISH

BUT...

OKAY ..

TWIRL

WHOOSH

WILL I MAKE IT IN TIME?!

THAT SOUND WAS...

HA!

WHY DID WE JUST ABANDON THAT OLD MAN...

HEY! KYU! JUST TELL ME ALREADY!

SPLASH

KYU?

POOF

AH... HUH?

CLATTER CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
CLATTER
SPLASH
CRACK
!!
CREAK
CREAK
JUST A BIT MORE ...
GUH!
CREAK
OKAY ...!
!
IT'S FINALLY HERE!!
FUMP FUMP FUMP FUMP
PHEW!

ARGH!
WITH ALL
MY TRAINING
THIS
IS NOTHING
TO
SPLAT
WOOSH
THE
WATER WILL
PROBABLY
COME UP TO
HERE!
IF I
COULD
JUST GET
A LITTLE
HIGHER!
SPLAT
FROM
THE LOOK
OF THE
TREE
ROOTS

!!

SPLAT

!

GRAB

!!

YO...
YOU
!?

THUD THUD THUD

HU... HURRY TO THE TOP!

WHAM

DON'T WORRY ABOUT IT! ARE YOU OKAY?

HAA HAA

HAA HAA

THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL! THANKS!

THUD THUD THUD

I'M FINE! WE HAVE TO HURRY TO THE TOP!

YEAH!

SLIP

GRAB GRAB

CLIMBING THE CLIFF WITHOUT USING HIS LEGS...!

AM... AMAZING! THIS GUY'S ...

GRAB

IS HE DOING IT ON PURPOSE?

SLIDE SLIDE SLIDE

AHH HH!

I ALMOST FELL INTO THE RIVER..

HPH

THAT WAS CLOSE!

SLIP

HEY YOU!

SLIDE SLIDE SLIDE

AHHH

I HAVE TWO QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU.

PHEW!

Finally!

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

IT'S KYU!

WELL THEN, KYU-KUN...

THE FIRST QUESTION IS WHY YOU ABANDONED AN INJURED GUY CALLING FOR HELP...

AND THE SECOND IS WHY YOU CAME BACK.

OKAY! FOR THE FIRST ONE...

I KNEW YOU DIDN'T BREAK YOUR LEG!

OH REALLY ... HOW?

BECAUSE IF YOU HAD, THEN YOU WOULD HAVE HAD TO HAVE WALKED ALONG THE MUDDY PATH, RIGHT?

BUT WHEN YOU WERE CALLING FOR HELP FROM THE CLIFF, YOUR SNEAK-ERS...

DIDN'T HAVE ANY MUD ON THEM AT ALL!

I KNEW THAT WASN'T NORMAL!

BECAUSE I HEARD THE SIREN FOR THE DAM RELEASE!

SO I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU WERE FROM THE SCHOOL, AND YOU WERE HERE TO TRICK US...! ♡

HMM... SO WHY DID YOU COME BACK?

THAT SIREN GOES OFF WHEN THE DAM IS TOO FULL AS A WARNING IT'S GOING TO RELEASE THE PRESSURE, AND IT'S REALLY DANGEROUS!

Since I can't swim I'm really careful

WHEN I WAS LITTLE I LIKED TO PLAY IN THE MOUNTAINS AND RIVERS, SO I KNEW THE SOUND INSTANTLY.

YEAH! BUT IN ADDITION TO YOUR SNEAKER NOT HAVING ANY MUD ON IT...

IF, LIKE YOU SAID, I WAS FAKING MY INJURY, I COULD HAVE JUST CLIMBED THE CLIFF AND GOT OUT, YOU KNOW?

SO I THOUGHT YOU WOULD BE IN DANGER!

AND THE ROOTS AT THE TOP OF THE CLIFF LOOKED REALLY WORN OUT

THERE'S PUDDLES AROUND, SO IT RAINED YESTERDAY,

AH!

IF YOU LOOK CLOSELY AT THE BOTTOM, IT'S NOT WORN OUT AT ALL!!

EVEN THOUGH IT LOOKS REALLY BEAT UP ...

BUT YOU DON'T WALK IN THEM AT ALL, RIGHT?

THAT MEANS YOU WEAR THE SHOES A LOT,

...

MAYBE YOU RIDE IN A WHEEL-CHAIR..?

SO I CAME BACK IN A HURRY!

IF THAT WERE TRUE, THEN I KNEW YOU WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CLIMB THAT STEEP CLIFF.

YOU IDIOT!!

EH?

TOO BAD I ONLY GOT THIS FAR. WELL, MAYBE NEXT YEAR...

I BET EVERYONE'S ALREADY AT THE SECOND EXAM LOCA-TION AND IT'S STARTED...

BUT... LOOKS LIKE THE NEXT EXAM IS DEF.-NITELY A NO GO.

THE CASE WILL NEVER BE SOLVED!!

IF A DETECTIVE GIVES UP ...

WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ACCIDENT!

HURRY AND GO!

HERE'S THE MAP TO THE SECOND EXAM LOCATION!

EH... BU... BUT ...

YES SIR!

...

THERE'S STILL TIME BEFORE THE SECOND EXAM ENDS!

IT'S TOO SOON TO GIVE UP!!

CRUSH

INTER-
ESTING
BOY...
..

DASH

HEHE-
HEHE
...

SLAP

KYU-
KUN,
WAS
IT...?

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CREDITS

STORM IN HEAVEN

I THOUGHT I GOT RID OF THREE RIVALS. WHAT THE HELL IS UP WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE!?

WAS THE FIRST EXAM HELD IN OTHER PLACES TOO?!

Crap

TAITEI GAKUEN Q

BUT, YOU KNOW.

SWISH

JUST WATCH! I WILL GET THE TOP SCORE!!

I'LL SKIP OVER THE ONES I DON'T GET SO I CAN ANSWER THE MOST!

CONSIDERING I'M FROM TOKYO UNIVERSITY, A WRITTEN TEST IS EASY FOR ME!

OH WELL!

WHAT MATTERS IS THAT KYU, OR WHATEVER HIS NAME IS, ISN'T HERE

WHY IS THE GUY WHO FELL IN THE RIVER HERE?

...

CHAPTER 3 Entrance Exam Part 3

KYU-
KUN
...

Tart ei Gakuen Q

I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON THE PROBLEMS!

SHAKE

SHAKE

NO! I CAN'T BE THINKING ABOUT THIS NOW!

KINTA-SAN! WHERE'S KYU-KUN?!

ACTUALLY.. WE WERE TOGETHER ON THE WAY HERE, BUT...

THE VICTIMS THAT COULDN'T BE SAVED AND THE HORRIBLE CRIMINALS KEEP PILING UP...

THE WRITTEN QUESTIONS ARE ACTUAL INCIDENTS THAT WERE VERY DIFFICULT TO SOLVE.

I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE!

WITH THE WEIGHT OF THESE CASES ON ME...

NO OTHER WAY, MAYBE WITH THIS I CAN.

HE EVEN DISAPPEARED WITHOUT TELLING ME ANYTHING CRAP, I'M GETTING DISTRACTED!

GEEZ! KYU, WHAT WERE YOU GOING TO SAY?

IS THE RIGHT THING TO DO!

LEAVING THIS GUY...

I'LL HAVE TO RELY COMPLETELY ON MY IN-STINCTS!

OKAY...! I'LL JUST HAVE TO DO IT MY WAY!!

GRIP

NO, EVEN IF I USE THE DICE TO ANSWER THE MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS. THERE'S LITTLE CHANCE OF ME PASSING !

A DETECTIVE SHOULDN'T COUNT ON HIS LUCK TOO MUCH. !

!?

YEP!

YOU'RE DONE AL-READY?

EH?

CLATTER

NO. NO WAY! THAT BRAT. .

HE'S ALREADY SOLVED ALL THESE QUES-TIONS?

RATTLE

NARUSAWA KAZUMA!!

OKAY! ♪

WELL THEN, PLEASE EXIT FROM THE BACK OF THE CLASS SO YOU WON'T DISTRACT THE OTHERS...

WA!

CRASH

EH?

OH, SORRY! KAZUMA-KUN, ARE YOU OKAY?

Glasses

Glasses

WHA. . WHAT? WHAT?

I WANT TO TAKE THE TEST TOO!

HUFF

HUFF

I'M SORRY I'M LATE!

THAT KID FINALLY CAME!

KYU-KUN!

OF COURSE!

...

DO YOU STILL WANT TO TAKE IT?

THERE'S ONLY 10 MINUTES LEFT,

YOU SERIOUS? YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE IT NOW?!

THE CASE WILL NEVER BE SOLVED, RIGHT?

IF A DETECTIVE GIVES UP ...

CLATTER

...

I THINK IT'S A WASTE OF TIME!

MPH!

!

!!

OKAY! THEN HURRY AND TAKE A SEAT!

OKAY!

...

QUESTION 次の問い
5

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午後四時 三〇分
から約400Mの小道
逃走ボタンが押さ

QUESTION
5

4 次の問いに答えよ。

PAN MORIHIKO
DETECTIVE SCHOOL
YEAR 200X
ENTRANCE EXAM

QUESTION

THIS IS IT!!

YES!

CLICK

OKAY! PUT YOUR PENCILS DOWN!!

...

Not this or that

TICK

...

HM? I GET IT, THAT'S IT!

THIS AND THAT AND THEN ...

WHAT A STUBBORN GUY..

WAIT! I JUST NEED TO CIRCLE

IT'S TIME! PUT YOUR PENCIL DOWN!

JUST PUT IT DOWN!

JUST A CIRCLE COME ON.

NO WAY~!

CLATTER CLATTER

CRAP ~!

CLATTER

IT'S ALREADY OVER?

daze....

...

OH YEAH...! KYU-KUN ...

HMPH

HEY, MEGU, KINTA!

KYU-KUN!

HEY! HOW WAS THE TEST, KYU?

GRIN

I SOLVED IT!!

PER-FECT!!

FLICK

YOU SOLVED ALL THE PROBLEMS IN JUST 10 MINUTES?!

EHHH?! IT CAN'T BE...!

JUST ONE QUES-TION...

WELL... NO WAY AROUND IT! HE DID ONLY HAVE 10 MINUTES.

NOPE! JUST ONE QUESTION! ♡

STAGGER

WOBBLE

HUH? WHAT QUESTION!

ANSWER THE QUES-TION FROM BEFORE!!

HEY! NOW THAT THIS IS DONE, KYU.

BUT KINTA, THAT GUY WAS ONE OF THE SCHOOL'S STAFF!!

..

WHHATT!! WH— WHERE'S THE PROOF!?

ARGH! THAT HURTS, KINTA!

DON'T ACT DUMB! THE REASON WHY WE LEFT THE INJURED GUY!

...
HUH?

TWO HINTS !!

WHAT IS THIS FEELING ..

TODAY'S EXAM IS OVER..

SHOES? IS IT SOMETHING ABOUT SKATES AGAIN?

NOPE! HINT TWO IS.

..

BUT I FEEL LIKE THERE'S MORE COMING ..

IT'S LIKE THE EX-CITEMENT BEFORE A MOVIE STARTS

AT TIMES IT'S SCARY AND AT TIMES IT'S EXCITING — THE STORY OF OUR ADVENTURE.

FOR ME, A BOY NAMED KYU, AND OUR RIVALS AND FRIENDS...

THIS WAS TRULY THE BEGINNING ...

AND THAT PREDIC-TION WAS RIGHT!

WELL... LOTS HAPPENED...

WHAT HAPPENED?! YOU'RE A MESS!

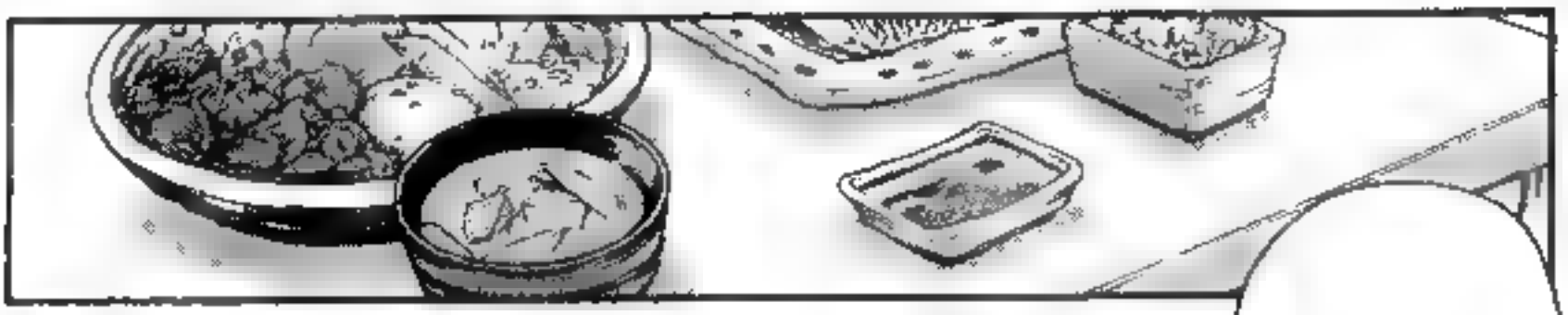
Didn't you go to take the entrance exam?

AN- ANYWAY, THE BATH IS READY!

EH!?

WELCOME BACK, KYU! YOU'RE REALLY LATE!

I'M HOOMEE! I'm starving!



ALTHOUGH I COULD ONLY DO ONE QUESTION,

IT WAS REALLY FUN!

OH REALLY ..!

AND WHEN I ARRIVED AT THE SECOND EXAM LOCATION, THERE WERE ONLY 10 MINUTES LEFT!

AND THEN I WAS SWIMMING AND CLIMBING CLIFFS. IT WAS HORRIBLE!

HA HA HA HA!

BUT I'M PRETTY SATISFIED WITH ANSWERING JUST ONE QUESTION ...!

YEAH ...

BUT IT'S REALLY TOO BAD!

IF THAT ACCIDENT HAD NEVER HAPPENED, YOU WOULD HAVE DONE MUCH BETTER ON THE EXAM!

AND I DON'T THINK I CHOSE THE WRONG ANSWER.

EVERY QUESTION WAS A CASE THAT HAD ACTUALLY HAPPENED ...

AND THE QUESTION I ANSWERED WAS A REALLY MYSTERIOUS ONE...

EH ...?

AND I SOLVED IT ON MY OWN!

ALL OF THOSE QUESTIONS WERE TOUGH CASES...

JUST THAT ALONE... IS ENOUGH FOR ME!

...

YOU REALLY WANT TO BE A DETECTIVE, HUH?

IF A DETECTIVE GIVES UP THE CASE WILL NEVER BE SOLVED!

OH, BUT I'M NOT GOING TO GIVE UP BEING A DETECTIVE JUST BECAUSE OF THIS!

...

WHO SAVED ME WHEN I WAS KIDNAPPED!!

IT'S MY DREAM TO BE JUST LIKE THE DETECTIVE ..

LIKE I SAID BEFORE,

THAT TIME...

KNOCK KNOCK

OKAY!

EXCUSE ME~ A PACKAGE FOR YOU!

DING DONG

...YES, YOU'RE RIGHT.

I'M SURE YOU CAN BECOME A GREAT DETECTIVE. .!

YEAH!

WHAT A HUGE SHIP!

IT'S FINALLY TIME TO GO TO THE FINAL EXAM LOCATION!

HEY! THAT YOU, MEGU-CHAN?!

KINTA-SAN!

IF ONLY KYU HAD PASSED ...

HMMM

YOU PASSED TOO!

YEAH! I REALLY DO HAVE LUCK ON MY SIDE! HAHAHA!

HEEEY!

...

WE'D ALL BE TOGETHER AGAIN!

Well it's not gonna happen now

...NO WAY...IS THAT...

IS... IS THAT FOR REAL?! HEY!

HEEEY! MEGU-! KINTA-!

HUH?

HEHE! YAHOO!

KYU-KUN!!

. I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! KYU-KUN, YOU ONLY ANSWERED ONE QUES-TION, RIGHT?

YEP! SEE! ♡

FLIP

YOU... PASSED?

PLEASE BOARD THE SHIP MOST OF THE PASSENGERS HAVE ALREADY BOARDED.

UM.. AND YOU ARE...?

TOOYAMA KINTAROU-SAMA AND MINAMI MEGUMI-SAN. .

AND YOU ARE...?

KYU! ♡

HMM

IT LOOKS LIKE THIS LAST EXAM WON'T BE LIKE THE OTHERS.

NOT JUST GETTING QUESTIONS RIGHT TO PASS. .

SHE'S HOT! ONE MORE PLUS TO TAKING THIS EXAM!

THAT'S TOTALLY UNRELATED! GEEZ

...

I'M DAN MORIHIKO SENSEI'S ASSISTANT,

KATAGIRI SHINO.

!?

MISSED

AH! I FORGOT MY TOOTH-BRUSH!

IT'S JUST A TOOTH-BRUSH! Forgot Bakers.

LISTEN TO ME WHEN I TALK!

Hey!!

TWITCH

WHA... WHAT'RE YOU SAYING!? IT'S OBVIOUS THAT I, ATTENDING TOKYO UNIVERSITY WITH AN I.Q OF 180, WOULD BE ABLE TO PASS THAT EXAM. .

SA-BUROU-SAN!

YOU'RE HERE TOO?

OHH!! YOU GUYS PASSED TOO! What a surprise! Except for Megu.

EH?

GRIN

YOU PASSED TOO! GOOD FOR YOU!

WHAT IS IT?

...

HEY ? REALLY NOTH-ING? Heeey!

NOTH-ING ..!

TURN

!

AH! KAZUMA-KUN!

I'M GETTING KINDA NER-VOUS~

SO THESE ARE ALL THE PEOPLE LEFT FOR THE FINAL EXAM...

I'LL THROW AWAY MY PRIDE AND GET IN THE STUPID DETECTIVE SCHOOL!!

GRRRR

JUST YOU WATCH! THIS TIME..

DAMMIT!! WHY'D THEY PASS AND I ONLY GET KEPT AS A SPARE!?

SKL ONE EXAM RESULT PASSED AS A SPARE

POCKET

GRIP

SPLSH SPLSH SPLSH

CLUNK CLUNK CLUNK

THE SHIP'S MOVING!!

HEY HEY! WANNA GO OUTSIDE?!

ME TOO I DON'T FEEL LIKE IT

I'LL PASS!

YOU'RE KYU-KUN, RIGHT?

!?

HYOOOO

WHOA, THE WIND!

HE NEVER GETS NER-VOUS.

SKID

OKAY, I'M OFF! ♡

...

I'M LIVING MY LIFE IN A WHEEL CHAIR.

AND JUST LIKE YOU GUESSED,

MISTER! SO YOU REALLY ARE ONE OF THE SCHOOL STAFF!

CONGRATULATIONS ON PASSING THE SECOND EXAM.

YEP!!

HMM... BUT THE HARDEST PART IS YET TO COME.

DDS

THANKS TO YOU I WAS ABLE TO TAKE THE EXAM!

THANKS SO MUCH FOR BACK THEN!

IS THERE ANY PARTICULAR REASON YOU CHOSE THAT?

OUT OF ALL THE QUESTIONS, YOU CHOSE TO SOLVE NUMBER FIVE.

I DID ONLY ANSWER ONE QUESTION!

TO BE HONEST, I NEVER THOUGHT I'D PASS ...

IT WAS A REAL MYSTERY, AND THE DEATH WAS SO STRANGE..

I COULDN'T HELP BUT WONDER HOW IT HAD HAPPENED!

AND ALL THE SUSPECTS HAD A PERFECT ALIBI, TOO ...

...

WAS THE MOST EXCITING ONE TO DO, I GUESS?

UMMM... WELL, BECAUSE THAT QUESTION ...

HMPH

I SEE ...!

HEH ..

HEH HEH

I'D DO THE HARDEST ONE!!

I FIGURED, IF I COULD ONLY DO ONE QUESTION.

IS REALLY GOING TO BE SOME-THING!!

THE FINAL EXAM .

EH ...?

TO LET THAT BOY PASS?

WAS IT REALLY OKAY...

AND THAT OUT OF ALL THOSE EXCEL-LENT CANDI-DATES, YOU CHOSE AN OR-DINARY BOY...!

WHEN PEOPLE HEAR THAT GENIUSES AND SOME VERY IMPOR-TANT PEOPLE ENTERED,

IS THERE SOMETHING YOU'D LIKE TO SAY, SHINO-KUN...?

THIS YEAR THE EXAM IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE SCHOOL.

IN THAT EXAM, ONE OF THOSE QUESTIONS WAS MY MOST MEMO-RABLE CASE...!

HE WAS TARDY BE-CAUSE HE RESCUED SOMEONE, AND I'VE NEVER TOLD ANYONE THIS, BUT .

HE CAME TO THE SECOND EXAM LATE AND ONLY ANSWERED ONE QUES-TION.

... ORDI-NARY? HIM?

!!

YOU... YOU MEAN —!!

HAD A VERY HARD TIME SOLVING THAT CASE IN MY ACTIVE DAYS.

EVEN I, DAN MORI-HIKO,

SOLVED QUESTION NUMBER FIVE IN ONLY TEN MINUTES!

問5 次の問いに答えよ。

YES! THAT BOY ...

THAT CASE WAS THE MOST EXCITING...!!

BUT THAT BOY SAID THAT...

I DIDN'T EXPECT ANYONE TO ENJOY THAT QUESTION,

THE QUESTION INCLUDED THE EVIDENCE THAT I'D FOUND MUCH LATER.

...OF COURSE,

ALL THE CANDIDATES PASSED THE EXAM IN THE R OWN WAY,

WE'RE HEADING TO THE DESERTED ISLAND SO THEY CAN TAKE THE LAST EXAM.

...

DON'T YOU FEEL LIKE YOU CAN RELY ON HIM, SHINO-KUN?

AND THE SECOND IS...

点数	氏名	性別	年齢
500点	天草		
490点	鳴沢数		
460点	伴内縁		
440点	佐藤文也	男	3
390点	林近公園	男	28
390点	天草	男	7

TWO?

YES! THE FIRST IS KYU,

FLAP

BUT AS FOR THE HARDEST CASE, QUESTION FIVE,

ONLY TWO PEOPLE SOLVED IT...!

ON THE SECOND EXAM..

THE ONLY ONE WHO GOT A PERFECT SCORE...

HEY YOU!

YOU'RE TAKING THE TEST TOO?

IS HE THE SAME AGE AS ME?

HUH? THERE'S SOMEONE HERE. .

A STORM?

THERE'S A STORM COMING...

WHAT'S YOUR NAME?

...

I'M KYU! I'M IN MY THIRD YEAR OF MIDDLE SCHOOL.

OH... SORRY!

RYU ...

MY NAME IS...

AMA-
KUSA
RYU.

Character TOPICS -The Creation of Kyu-

One

THIS IS FROM BEFORE I HAD MY OWN MANGA AND WAS STILL WORKING ON THE KINDAICHI MANGA SERIES

TWO

I WAS STILL WORKING ON KINDAICHI HERE TOO I HADN'T COME UP WITH KYU'S NAME

Three

I'D FINALLY COME UP WITH HIS NAME AND STARTED WORKING ON IT.

WELL THEN, WITH THIS IN MIND, I BLEACHED A BIT OF HIS HAIR AND KYU WAS COMPLETE

SATOU FUMIYA

TANTEI GAKUEN Q

CREDITS

STORM IN HEAVEN

KYU-KUN WHO ARRIVED AT THE EXAM LATE AND ONLY ANSWERED ONE QUESTION

AND AMAKUSA RYU, THE ONLY PERSON WHO GOT A PERFECT SCORE ON HIS EXAM...

THE CASE I MYSELF HAD THE HARDEST TIME WITH WAS SOLVED BY...

NOW HOW WAS IT SOLVED AGAIN?

I CAN SEE THE ISLAND!

OH!

THE ISLAND!

AH!

..YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THAT ISLAND, DO YOU?

I'VE NEVER BEEN ON AN ISLAND SO BEFORE

excited!

THAT'S WHERE THE LAST EXAM WILL TAKE PLACE

YEAH ...!

HMPH

DO YOU KNOW ABOUT IT?

NOPE, NOT A THING!!

TWO PEOPLE!

Tantei Gakuen Q

KIRISAKI ISLAND...

A DESERTED ISLAND THAT'S 2 KILOMETRES IN PERIMETER AND IS ALWAYS SHROUDED IN FOG...

CHAPTER 4: THE TRAGEDY OF KIRISAKI ISLAND [1]

KIRISAKI ISLAND, HUH..!

THAT LONG AGO PEOPLE USED TO LIVE HERE.

BUT IT'S SAID ...

CLACK

I'M FIRST OFF! ♡

BOUNCE

BOUNCE

WE'RE FINALLY HERE!! KIRISAKI ISLAND!

WHOOSH

WHOOSH

AH!

WE'RE ALL DYING OF NERVES!

YOU'RE TOO EXCITED!

WORN OUT

HUH? WHAT'S WRONG, EVERYONE? SEASICK?

!

...?! HUH?

THE INTERNET ADDICT'S HERE TOO

GREEE

GREEE

GREEE

DAMN! I'M TOO FAR AWAY!!

I CAN'T ACCESS THE INTER-NET ANY-MORE?!

AH... NO, NOTHING! Must be a mistake

...IS SOMETHING WRONG...?

...

I must be a bit tired.

NO. NOTHING'S WRONG.

WHAT'S WRONG, MEGU?

WHA.. WHAT IS THIS PLACE?

WOW!

THIS IS THE LODGE YOU'LL STAY AT WHILE YOU TAKE THE FINAL EXAM.

RUSTLE RUSTLE

IT'S... LIKE A JAIL...

CANDIDATE YUKIHIRA SAKURAKO (17)

FOR SOME-ONE CALLING IT NATURAL, YOU SURE DIDN'T FIND OUT MUCH, YUKIHIRA-KUN!

SO YOU KNOW MORE THAN THAT?

WELL, ACTUALLY, I REALLY WANT TO BE A MYS-TERY AUTHOR MORE THAN A DETECTIVE.

I ASKED THE ASSISTANT, KATAGIRI! FINDING OUT INFORMATION IS NATURAL FOR A DETEC-TIVE, RIGHT?

BUT I REALLY SHOULDN'T TELL YOU ABOUT IT.

EH?

IF YOU HEAR THE MEANING BEHIND THIS ISLAND'S NAME...

YOU'LL BE TOO SCARED TO SLEEP TO-NIGHT.

GRIN

SHI-SHIDO-SAN!

OF COURSE! I INVESTI-GATED BEFORE I EVEN BOARDED THE SHIP!

CANDIDATE
SHISHIDO
TAKESHI (20)

CANDIDATE SHIRAMINE HAYATO (16)

CANDIDATE GOODA KYOSUKE (19)

...

THOSE TWO TOO!!

...YOU KNOW THAT SHISHIDO GUY, YUKIHIRA-SAN...?

WE TOOK THE FIRST EXAM AT THE SAME LOCATION!

HUH?

STARE

GEEZ! THAT'S COLD!

TURN

AH.. HUH?

I KNEW I'VE SEEN YOU BEFORE, YUKIHIRA-KUN, RIGHT!

OH!

IT'S ME, SABUROU! I CAN'T BELIEVE I GET TO MEET YOU HERE!!

...

?

BYE!

HAHAHA

AH... NO, IT'S NOTHING! REALLY!

...

I'LL TEACH THE STUDENTS OF THE Q CLASS EVERY-THING THEY'LL NEED TO KNOW AS DETEC-TIVES...!

AND AS MY LAST GREAT TASK..

YES.. I INTEND TO, MAKI-KUN!

SIR,

ARE YOU REALLY GOING TO CHOOSE THE Q CLASS FROM THEM?

WHAT'S THIS? THESE PORTRAITS IN THE HALL-WAYS...?

WHOA ~!!

THIS IS THE KITCHEN. THE BUILDING ITSELF IS OLD,

BUT THE APPLIANCES ALL WORK WELL.

MURMUR MURMUR

YEAH. THIS ONE'S FROM AGATHA CHRISTIE'S "AND THEN THERE WERE NONE"! It's written on the plate.

THIS IS HOLMES FROM "THE FINAL PROBLEM"! Right Kimta?

NOW THEN, I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU A BRIEF TOUR AROUND HERE.

THE FOOD'S ALREADY STOCKED!

IF ANYONE HERE CAN COOK, WE'D REALLY APPRECIATE THE HELP.

!?

HM?

RUSTLE

THAT'S NOT COOKING!

I CAN COOK CUP RAMEN!

AH...! I CAN COOK!

IF YOU'RE GONNA SCREAM EVERY TIME SOMETHING HAPPENS, THEN YOU SHOULDN'T BE HERE!

HMPH!

TH-THERE WAS A RAT! A REALLY HUGE RAT!

You startled me.

OF COURSE THERE'S RATS!!

It's a deserted building.

OH... JUST A RAT.

KYAAAA!!

WHAT!?

WA.

WHOOSH

NOW I'LL SHOW YOU YOUR ROOMS...

DAN MORIHIKO-SENSEI HIMSELF, IS ALSO GOING TO PARTICIPATE.

ALSO, FOR THIS EXAM, THE PRINCIPLE OF OUR SCHOOL,

NOW THEN, THE FINAL EXAM TO ENTER THE NEW SPECIAL CLASS WILL START.

I'M MAKI SHINTAROU, THE CORONER AT THE DAN DETECTIVE SCHOOL.

MURMUR

EH ?

BUT DOESN'T HE RARELY COME OUT IN PUBLIC...?

EH!?

RATTLE

DAN-SENSEI! PLEASE TAKE CARE OF THE REST.

SQUEEK

YOU'RE ... DAN-SEN-SEI..!

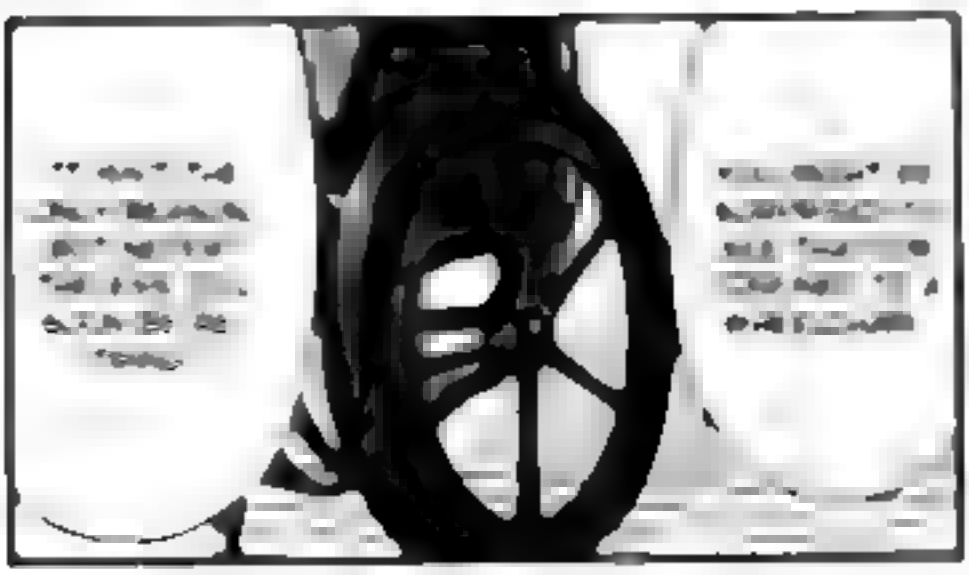
NO WAY ...

RATTLE

H. HEY! THAT'S ...

A WHEEL-CHAIR!?

I'M THE PRINCIPAL HERE SAN MARINO
IT'S NICE TO MEET EVERY-ONE



JUMP

.THAT IS, THOSE WHO PASS THIS FINAL EXAM WILL MAKE UP THE CLASS.

AND TEACH THEM EVERY-THING I CAN!

BEFORE I RETIRE, I'VE CHOSEN TO CREATE A CLASS OF PEOPLE TO SUCCEED ME,

I'M THE ONLY PERSON IN JAPAN WHO, LIKE THE POLICE, CAN INVESTIGATE AND MAKE ARRESTS, HAVING BEEN GIVEN AUTHORITY AS A..

THE "QUALIFIED CLASS" WILL CONTAIN THOSE WHO HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME MY SUCCESSORS.

"DETECTIVE WITH SPECIAL POLICE LICENSE."

...

THE "Q CLASS", FOR SHORT!

NOW, LET ME EXPLAIN THE FINAL EXAM..

DAN-SENSEI! I HAVE A QUES-TION!

WHAT IS IT, SHIRA-MINE-KUN?

IS THAT WHAT K'NTA WAS TALKING ABOUT LAST TIME. ?

Q CLASS ..!

THE "QUALIFIED" CLASS

I DECIDED YOU NEEDED TO BE AT THE "SCENE" TO FIGURE IT OUT

HOWEVER, FOR THIS YEAR'S EXAM.

EXCEL-LENT QUES-TION!

WE COULD HAVE TAKEN IT ANY-WHERE .

WHY DID WE TRAVEL HERE TO TAKE THE EXAM?

YOU DON'T KNOW. . THE ANSWER . ?

WHAT... DOES THAT MEAN ...!?

..

AAM

WHOOSH...!

RUMBLE RUMBLE

SINCE EVEN WE...

DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER ...!

HA!

KNOW OF JACK THE RIPPER?

DO YOU ...

JACK THE RIPPER ...!?

J...

RUMBLE

WHOOSH

HE'S ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS MURDERERS IN ALL OF HISTORY

IN 1888 THERE WAS A SERIAL KILLER IN LONDON IN A POOR TOWN CALLED EAST END

THAT'S RIGHT

MEGU! WHO'S JACK THE RIPPER .?

A SERIAL KILLER WHO LIVED IN ENGLAND A LONG TIME AGO!

HE WORE A BOWLER HAT AND A LONG COAT, AND DUBBED HIMSELF "JACK THE RIPPER".

AS THE NAME IMPLIES, HE TORE HIS MANY VICTIMS TO PIECES WITH A LARGE KNIFE.

HE SENT THE POLICE LETTERS DETAILING HIS CRIMES TO RIDICULE THEM.

BUT IN THE END THE CASE WAS LEFT UNSOLVED ...

THERE WAS A SIMILAR MURDER WHERE THE VICTIM WAS CUT IN HALF!

THEN, FIFTY YEARS AGO, IN THE BUILDING WE'RE STANDING IN RIGHT NOW...

...

THE VICTIM WAS RIPPED APART!?

IN... THIS BUILDING!

AFTER HE'D KILLED THREE VICTIMS...

WHO CALLED HIMSELF JACK THE RIPPER.

YES... DURING THE WORLD WAR, A SERIAL KILLER APPEARED HERE...

HE DISAPPEARED WITHOUT A TRACE...

TWO LOCKED DOORS ...!

FROM A ROOM BEHIND TWO LOCKED DOORS!

IT'S ALREADY LATE SO I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT FOR TONIGHT

WE'LL CONTINUE TOMORROW WHILE WE INVESTIGATE THE SCENE

THUD

...HEHE...

THUD

RUMBLE

...

GOOD NIGHT.. FUTURE DETEC-TIVES...!

...

LOOKS LIKE WE WON'T BE ABLE TO GET OFF THE ISLAND FOR A WHILE..!

WHAT A HUGE STORM

RUMBLE

AHI

THUD

FLASH

KYA!

...

RUMBLE RUMBLE

RIGHT ...!

FLASH

EVEN IF SOMETHING HAPPENS...

WHOOOOSH

AMAKUSA RYU, I THINK MAYBE I SAW HIM SOME-WHERE...

BUT WITH A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY, I WOULDN'T HAVE FORGOT-TEN HIM IF I'D EVER MET HIM.

Even if you try to forget, you can't

JUST WHAT WAS WITH AMAKUSA, SAYING THAT?!

HE'S REALLY CREEP-ING ME OUT!

WHAT'S WRONG? MEGU...

UM. . YEAH ....

HUH?

CREAK

DON'T BE A TOTAL IDIOT!

MAYBE IT'S LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, HM?

WHOOSH

HMMM ..

THE KNIVES ARE GONE! I'M SURE THERE WERE THREE OF THEM HANG-ING HERE...

?! YOU SURE?

IT'S ME, OF COURSE I'M SURE!

SH!
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ARE YOU SURE, MEGU?

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!? WHO WOULD TAKE THE KNIVES?

YEAH! THERE USED TO BE THREE KNIVES HANGING THERE.

MY MEMORY WOULDN'T MISTAKE IT!

THERE MIGHT BE NO DINNER TONIGHT!

HUH?

EH? WORST CASE SCENARIO!?

YOU MEAN.. SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE CASE?

HMM.. I HAVE A BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS...

THIS COULD BE A WORST CASE SCENARIO

THE NAME'S KAZUMA!

WHAT'S SO FUNNY, BRAT!?

I GET TOTALLY FAINT IF I MISS EVEN ONE MEAL! It's a huge problem!

OH, GEEZ! DON'T FREAK ME OUT LIKE THAT!

HA HA HA HA!

HM?

WAIT! MAYBE SOMEONE DID THIS ON PURPOSE SO I'D FAIL THE EXAM..

HEH

AS FOR ME, THE TOKYO UNIVERSITY GENIUS WITH A 180 IQ, MY BRAIN'S JUST OVERFLOWING. TRY NOT TO PANIC, FOLKS.

SA... SABUROU-SAN!

Brain's overflowing?

NNNN

ANYWAY, YOU'D BE FINE SURVIVING OFF THE RATS RUNNING AROUND!

WHO'D SABOTAGE THE GUY MOST LIKELY TO FAIL?

YOU GUYS!

. EVEN THOUGH WE'RE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EXAM, YOU GUYS ARE HAVING JUST AS MUCH FUN AS EVER!

AH HA HA HA

YEAH! KINTA WOULDN'T HAVE A PROBLEM THERE!

AHEM!

WHISPER WHISPER

BUT THAT GIRL'S ACTUALLY .

YOU SEE, DON'T SPREAD IT AROUND,

HMM?

GLANCE .. GLANCE

OH YEAH.. SABU-ROU-SAN!

YOU WERE TALKING WITH YUKIHIRA-SAN WHEN WE GOT OFF THE SHIP DO YOU KNOW HER?

HUH? OH, YEAH, HER...

WHO TOOK THE KNIVES TO PULL OFF THAT PRANK!?

AND WHO WAS IT?

PRANK !?

I DON'T THINK DAN-SENSEI WOULD APPROVE OF YOU BAD-MOUTHING THE OTHER CANDI-DATES.

AH! SECRE-TARY KATAGIRI ... I MEAN... SENSEI!

THE PICTURE OF HOLMES IS SLICED IN HALF!!

WHO WOULD DO THAT ...!?

WHA ..!?

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ANYWAY, IF DAN-SENSEI SEES THIS,

HE WON'T LET YOU OFF EASILY!

IT'S NOT US!

Yeah, I love Holmes!

I'M SURE IT'S ONE OF THE THREE MISSING KNIVES...!

THAT KNIFE ...

I'LL GO BACK TO THE SCHOOL TO GET THE SPARE KEY.

CAN'T HELP IT!

KATAGIRI-SENSEI! DO YOU KNOW WHERE THE KEY TO THE STORAGE ROOM IS?

EH?

IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE IN THE MANAGER'S OFFICE, BUT I CAN'T FIND IT .

THIS IS BAD~

Yeah.

EHH!? BUT TOMORROW WE WERE GOING TO GO OVER THE CRIME SCENE, WEREN'T WE. .?

AH...! MAKI-SENSEI!

THE FORECAST SAID THE OCEAN WON'T BE ROUGH UNTIL TOMORROW MORNING. I'LL MAKE IT IN TIME.

I'LL BE FINE IF I GO NOW!

YOU WILL? BUT... THERE'S A STORM ...

YEAH ...

SEEMS LIKE THERE'S A LOT GOING ON HERE.

KINTA!

WHOOSH

JUST SHUT UP AND EAT!

LEAF SHA-PED! ♡

AH! I CUT THIS CARROT!

LOOK. LOOK.

CLINK

MM! DELI-CIOUS!!

MUNCH

TAP TAP TAP

...

CLINK

THE STORM'S PRETTY BAD OUT THERE...

AND WE'RE SUPPOSED TO BE THE ONLY ONES ON THIS DESERTED ISLAND...

DURING DINNER

...

CLINK

I WAS STILL THINKING ABOUT THE TWO KNIVES WE COULDN'T FIND

BUT WHO ...?

AND WHY ...?

THAT MEANS THAT ONE OF THESE THIRTEEN PEOPLE STOLE THEM

WE WERE GIVEN THAT ANSWER THE NEXT MORNING...

IN A FORM WE'D NEVER IMAGINED...

OH, MORNING! DID YOU THREE SLEEP WELL?

GOOD MORNING! YUKIHIRA-SAN!

SLOOOT

K... KINDA ... just a bit

DEAD.

YEP!

SPARKLE SPARKLE

YE .. YEAH ..

STARE

LOOKS LIKE ONLY ONE OF YOU SLEPT...

OH!

THANKS FOR THE FOOD.

CLACK

DAMN! THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG WITH PEOPLE WHO CAN SLEEP IN A CREEPY PLACE IN THIS KIND OF WEATHER!

GEEZ

DID YOU GUYS STAY UP LATE STUDYING?

Reading detective novels as a reference...?

...

AMA-KUSA RYU ...!!

DO YOU GUYS WANNA KNOW MORE ABOUT HIM?

EH?

EHH !?

HE GOT ALL THE QUES-TIONS RIGHT!?

AMAKUSA-KUN CAME OUT ON TOP OF THE SECOND EXAM, WITH A PERFECT SCORE!

HAVE YOU HEARD?

SHIRA-MINE HAYATO!

MY SPE-CIALTY IS...

CANDIDATE SHIRAMINE HAYATO (16)

YOU'RE SHIRA-MINE-SAN, RIGHT?

YEAH!

SLASH

TADAA

!?

ROLL

GLIDE

LIFT

COULD YOU PLEASE CALL IT MAGIC...

WOAH!! THAT'S A GREAT TRICK!

CLAP CLAP

...

OH ~!

HMPH! I GET IT...

CLICK

CLICK

THE NUMBER OF THORNS AND PETALS IS TOTALLY OFF!

ER, WELL ...

THAT ROSE... IT'S NOT THE SAME AS THE FIRST ROSE.

EH?

THEY'LL THINK YOU DROPPED OUT OF THE EXAM.

IF YOU DON'T HURRY AND GET TO THE SEMINAR ROOM...

WHAT'S WITH HIM?

GOODA KYOSUKE! HE WAS WITH US WHEN WE WERE FOLLOWING THE CRIMINAL ON THE FIRST EXAM !

GOODA-SAN!

I HEARD THERE WAS SOMEONE WITH A PHOTOGRAPHIC MEMORY TAKING THE FINAL...

SO IT'S YOU.

CANDIDATE
GOODA
KYOSUKE (19)

!?

...

PUZ-ZLE KING! WOW!

HE'S BEEN IN PUZZLE CONTESTS ACROSS JAPAN WITH SWEEPING VICTORIES.

WHOOSH

LOOKS LIKE EVERYONE ISN'T HERE YET, BUT WE'RE ALREADY RUNNING LATE AND THE WIND IS PICKING UP.

WHOOSH

LET'S GET TO THE SCENE BEFORE IT STARTS RAINING!

THANKS ...

WELL THEN, HERE'S THE KEY! KATAGIRI-SENSEI.

...BUT I WONDER WHO TOOK THE KEY?

WHOOSH

I'M SORRY FOR BEING LATE, DAN-SENSEI!

THE SHIP COULDN'T GO ANY FASTER IN THIS STORM..

NO, YOU DID A GREAT JOB, MAKI-KUN! GO AND REST UP

THE INVESTIGATION INTO THE PUZZLE OF THE LOCKED ROOM SHALL NOW COMMENCE!

...

THE JACK THE RIPPER CASE THAT OCCURRED IN THIS ISOLATED ISLAND PRISON...

AS OF NOW THE FINAL EXAM FOR THE DAN DETECTIVE SCHOOL "Q CLASS" BEGINS.

whoosh

DURING THE WAR, JAPAN'S MILITARY HELD BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR...

IN THE PRISON ON THIS ISLAND

HOWEVER, AS THE END OF THE WAR DREW NEAR, THE FIGHTING GREW WORSE. THE GUARDS ABANDONED THEIR DUTY AND FLED THE ISLAND WITH THE PRISONERS.

ALL THAT WAS LEFT WERE TEN PEOPLE WHO WERE LEFT BEHIND BECAUSE THERE WEREN'T ENOUGH BOATS.

THE TEN PRISONERS WAITED FOR A SHIP TO COME BACK FOR THEM ...

THEY SHARED WHAT LITTLE FOOD THEY HAD AND TRIED TO KEEP THEIR SPIRITS UP ..

BUT AS THE DAYS PASSED

THEY SOON LOST HOPE...

THEY'RE NOT GOING TO COME BACK FOR US!!

WE'RE ALL GOING TO STARVE TO DEATH HERE!!

EVERY-BODY COME HERE!

A BOAT! THERE'S A BOAT!!

EH!?

BUT AS THEY FIXED THE BOAT THEY REALIZED A HORRIBLE TRUTH

THEY AGAIN HAD HOPE, AND THEY ALL COLLECTED MATERIALS TO FIX IT

THE BOAT WAS A WRECK, BUT IT WAS POSSIBLE TO REPAIR IT.

THEN.. THREE PEOPLE HAD TO STAY BEHIND

THERE WERE TEN PRISONERS, BUT NO MATTER HOW THEY WENT ABOUT IT ...

ONLY SEVEN PEOPLE WERE ABLE TO FIT INSIDE.

AH!

HEY! HOW LONG'RE YOU GONNA SLEEP FOR! HURRY IT UP OR NO BREAK-FAST!

AS A COLD TENSION RAN BETWEEN THE PRISONERS, IT HAPPENED...

BUT THE PEOPLE LEFT BEHIND WOULD MORE OR LESS DIE FROM STARVATION AND BECOME FOOD FOR THE RATS...

EXACTLY! IF THEY DEPARTED IN THE BOAT, THE CURRENT WOULD TAKE THEM TO JAPAN. THEIR ENEMY.

...

NEXT TO THE TORN APART BODY, WRITTEN IN BLOOD.

WAS SOMETHING EVERY ENGLISHMAN WOULD RECOGNIZE

WAHHHH!!

THE NAME OF JACK THE RIPPER!

THE PRISONERS WERE TERRIFIED OF THE PHANTOM KILLER, BUT ONE PERSON SAID

THE NEXT DAY ONE MORE PERSON WAS KILLED IN THE SAME WAY

JACK THE RIPPER

IT DIDN'T END THERE

AS THE BOAT REPAIRS WERE FINISHED

A THIRD MUTILATION HAPPENED IN THE LOCKED ROOM!

EVERYONE TAKE THE STAIRS AND WAIT FOR ME NEXT TO THE ELEVATOR.

...

IF ONE MORE PERSON DIES WE CAN ALL RIDE ON THE BOAT

KYAAAAA!!

EH?

RUMMMMBBBLLLEE

WHOOSH

NOW IT STARTS'

THAT STORAGE ROOM IS THE SCENE OF THE LOCKED ROOM MURDER!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO SAY IT!

OW~

AHAHAHA

HEY! DON'T SCARE US LIKE THAT!

SWISH

CRAP!

AHH !!

AH! PINK AND PURPLE RABBITS!

OH! ♡

S— SORRY, DAN-SENSEI!

HEHE... I'M NOT TELLING YOU THIS JUST TO SCARE YOU.

I WANT YOU TO FIGURE OUT THE TRUTH OF THIS CASE AND THE PUZZLE BEHIND THE LOCKED ROOM!

WITH THIS INFORMATION, AND THE OLD CRIME SCENE WE'RE ABOUT TO SEE,

THEY TRIED TO DIG UP AS MUCH INFORMATION AS THEY COULD AND PIECE THE STORY TOGETHER

THE STORY I'M TELLING YOU IS FROM THE SCHOOL STAFF

TAKE OUT THE BLUE-PRINT I GAVE YOU EARLIER.

NOW .. THIS WOODEN SHED ON THE ROOF IS WHERE THE MURDER OCCURRED.

RUSTLE

ONLY HE'S LIVELY

YEP!

GOT IT?

WE DID OUR BEST TO HAVE THE PLACE SET UP AS IT WAS WHEN THE MURDER OCCURRED

INSIDE THE SHED IS AS YOU CAN SEE.

IS IT POSSIBLE THE CRIMINAL MADE A COPY OF THE KEY TO MAKE IT SEEM LIKE THE MURDER HAD BEEN COMMITTED BEHIND TWO LOCKED DOORS?

THIS STORAGE ROOM WAS WHERE THE MURDER OCCURRED . .

SENSEI!

WHAT IS IT, RYU-KUN?

ALSO, THIS DOOR IS LOCKED NOW, AS IT WAS WHEN THE MURDER HAPPENED.

FOR SOME REASON THE ORIGINAL WENT MISSING SOME-WHERE

THIS KEY IS A COPY THAT MAKI-SENSE BROUGHT FOR US FROM THE SCHOOL THIS MORNING.

EVEN OUR SKILLED TECHNICIANS AT THE SCHOOL TOOK SEVERAL DAYS TO MAKE THIS COPY.

IT WOULD HAVE BEEN IMPOSSIBLE FOR THOSE BRITISH PRISONERS TO MAKE A COPY OF THE KEY

TO PREVENT THE PRISONERS FROM STEALING THE WEAPONS, A VERY SKILLED CRAFTSMAN MADE THIS KEY!

BUT THIS SHED WAS USED TO STORE WEAPONS.

AN OBVIOUS QUESTION,

CREAK

CLICK

NOW, SHALL WE GO IN?

I SEE ...

IT HAS THE SAME LOCK AS THE FIRST DOOR, AND OPENS WITH THE SAME KEY

AND THAT IS THE SECOND DOOR.

THESE ROWS OF WOODEN BOXES ARE ALL IN THE SAME PLACE AS WHEN THE MURDER OCCURRED...

CREAK

CLICK

HEY, LOOK AT THAT!

HUH ...?

BUT EVEN IF YOU WENT OUT THAT WAY THERE'S NOTHING BUT A SHARP CLIFF BELOW, RIGHT?

INSIDE THE INNER ROOM IS ONE WINDOW . . An adult can barely fit

JACK THE RIPPER

HEEEY~! THAT'S PRETTY ACCURATE! THEY EVEN WROTE JACK THE RIPPER IN BLOOD!

...

WHAT?

KATAGIRI-KUN, YOU SIMULATED THAT AS WELL?

NO... I HADN'T HEARD ABOUT THAT...

WHAT...?

!!

OH ...?

THERE'S SOMETHING LYING ON THE FLOOR...?

AH!

EH?

KYU-KUN!!

WHAT'S THIS...!?

FLIP

KYAAAAAA!!

SABU-ROU-SAN!

UGH...

SA—

FROM THE DARKNESS HALF OF SABUROU YUTAKA'S BODY SUDDENLY APPEARED ...

IT WAS THE PERFECT "REPRODUCTION" OF THE TRAGEDY FROM FIFTY YEARS AGO.

BUT AS WE ALL STOOD THERE TREMBLING IN FEAR, NOT ONE OF US KNEW THE TWO-FOLD MEANING BEHIND THE MISSING HALF OF THE BODY...

[TO BE CONTINUED]

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